arose. The General went int[o] his room at [his] usual hour that morning, put on [his] slippers, took a seat near the window, from [which] he drew the curtain partially back, and began reading a copy of the [New] York Union and American. He had [been] complaining of feeling unwell, and after reading a short time, he laid the paper on the table and left the room, never more to return. To-day the visitor to the Union was shown the room, which he is allowed to enter, but is prohibited from touching anything on the dust-covered table he saw the paper which dropped from the hand of the great chieftain and near the chair, which is partly turned around, his slippers. The curtain is in the same position in which the General had placed it, and in the inkstand is the deeply corroded pen which as it had been left when last used. A guard is mounted at the door every day to see that nothing about the room is disturbed by any one visiting it.

Fiendish Attempt to Wreck a Train.

AUGUSTA, Me., Nov. 20.—A fiendish attempt was made to throw the evening train from Portland from the track, near Farmingdale, this evening. A plank and heavy sleeper were placed across the track. The engine cut the plank in two. Both ends and the sleeper were thrown aside by the cow catcher. Had the attempt succeeded, the train must have been thrown down an embankment some twenty feet high.

—O. B. Sands, a wealthy farmer of Cornwall, N. Y., died recently, leaving the sum of $55,000, which he has kept on deposit at various banks for the past nine years. As this money drew no interest, it is a matter of surprise to the Cornwallers. If the money had been placed at interest, Mr. Sands might have left his heirs a snug sum of $55,000.

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TO THE PUBLIC.

Our attention having been called to the fact that the agent of the Gardner Extinguisher has been and now is circulating the following misrepresentation, to-wit: That the BABCOCK CO. are about to consolidate with the so-called Gardner concern, also that we have withdrawn all suits against them and their customers for INFRINGEMENT OF OUR PATENTS, this is to notify all concerned that the said statements are

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WASHINGTON.

Report of the Supervising Inspector of Steamboats.

Interesting Statistics of Accidents During the Past Year.

Richardson Mentioned as Boutwell's Temporary Successor.

John W. Forney Sued for Libel by a Department Clerk.

STEAMBOAT INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—The annual report of the Hon. Joseph Nimmo, Jr., the Supervising Inspector General of Steamboats, has been finished and sent to the printer. It is dated Nov. 19, 1872. The report shows that the number of casualties by fire, explosion, and wreck, during the year 1871, was 65, against the average number during the three preceding years of 94; value of property destroyed by casualties in 1871, $365,661; average value of property destroyed during the three preceding years, $4,439,622; number of lives lost by casualties in 1871, 363; average number of lives lost by casualties during the three preceding years, 377; number of steamers inspected in 1871, 5,597; average number of steamers inspected during the three preceding years, 5,170; number of licenses issued to pilots and engineers in 1871, 11,758; average number of licenses to pilots and engineers during the three preceding years, 9,938.

The foregoing statement shows the average number of casualties during the year 1871 was 31 per cent less than the average for the three preceding years; also that the average loss of property was 19 per cent less, and the average loss of life 4 per cent less. At the same time it appears that during the year 1871 the number of steamers inspected was 4 per cent greater, and the number of licenses issued to pilots and engineers was 18 per cent greater than the average for the three preceding years.

The total loss of life on steam vessels from all causes during the year 1871 was 363, while the average loss of life during the six preceding years was 843 casualties. Since the last meeting of the Board, several serious casualties have occurred. On the 11th of April last, the boilers of the steamer Oceanus exploded at a point on the Mississippi River, about twenty miles above Cairo, Ill. The boat subsequently burnt to the water's edge and sunk. Forty-one lives were lost.

On the 10th of August, the steamer Bristol, of the Narragansett Steamship Company, collided with a brig in Newport harbor. The nature of the damage done to the steamer was not known until it was discovered she was sinking. Fortunately, she was run ashore in time to prevent any loss of life. Such a casualty to one of the largest and most costly steamers in the United States, by which the lives of six hundred persons were endangered, taken in connection with the fact that the Bristol had but a few weeks before collided with another steamer, the latter having been sunk, points to the necessity for greater care and efficiency in the management of such vessels. The Local Board of Inspectors at New London will try the Master and the pilot in charge of the wheel at the time of the casualty, in order to ascertain whether their licenses shall or shall not be suspended or revoked.

On the 15th of August, the steamer Bienville, of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, was burned at sea. Forty-one lives are believed to have been lost. The safety of life and property on board of this ship were dependent on the efficiency and reliability of the steam pumps. The report suggests the propriety of requiring additional sureties in this respect, especially when, as in the case of the Bienville, a part of the cargo consists of kerosene oil, matches, and other dangerous articles.

On Aug. 29th, the steamer Metis, of Providence, collided with a schooner on Long Island Sound, and sunk in about an hour and a quarter afterward. The nature of the danger was not discovered till within a few minutes before she went down. By this casualty 23 lives are known to have been lost. The Investigating Board in this case recommend the revocation of the licenses of the Master and First and Second Pilots, and suspension for six months of the license of the chief mate. These officers are now being tried. The record shows that the Metis collided twice with other vessels in the year 1871.

On the 18th of September, while the steamer Dean Richmond was on her passage from New York to Albany, a flue of one of her boilers burst. Owing to the thorough equipment of the boat and efficiency and excellent discipline of her officers and crew, the fire, caused by the flames driven from the furnace, was speedily extinguished. This is built in this case was the failure of the manager of the Line to have the boilers inspected, the steamer having been laid up for several months.

On the 2d of October the steamer Missouri, of the Atlantic Mail Steamship Company, while on her passage from New York to Havana, was burned at sea, and about eighty lives were lost. A Board has been appointed to investigate the circumstances attending this loss.

The casualties to the Metis and Bristol point to the necessity for a more strict attention to discipline on board of steam vessels. Equally apparent is the importance of having such drills as are required by the rules of the service, for the purpose of instructing the crew in the use of life-saving apparatus, and as to their conduct in cases of accident generally.

The appliances placed on board steamers for the purpose of saving the vessel and the lives of the passengers are not automatic. In order that they may answer the purposes for which they were intended, there must be a thorough practical knowledge of their use, which can only be obtained by strict discipline and frequent drilling of officers and crew. Upon steamers carrying a large number of passengers, the officers and crew should be required to wear some distinctive badge or uniform.

The law requires that boiler-plates should be tested for the purpose of ascertaining their tensile strength, toughness, homogeneousness, and ability to withstand the effects of repeated heating and cooling, in order that this requirement may be carried into effect, it is necessary that a thorough inspection service shall be supplied with a sufficient number of testing machines. When a uniform system of tests has been adopted, it is to be hoped that boiler plate will be rated in the markets of the country according to their ascertained qualities, rather than on the reputation of various mates. The principal manufacturers of this country have been called on to present plans of testing machines designed to meet certain requirements, which have been submitted to them. When these plans have been received, specifications will be drawn, and steps taken to procure the machines.

In the case of explosions on steam vessels, the conditions attending such disasters are seldom known to the person in charge of the boilers and engines, and even when known, there are frequently motives which lead to a suppression of the real facts in the case. In a course of scientific experiments, however, all conditions are known and properly estimated in arriving at the solution of the results developed. During the last session of Congress, a bill was introduced authorizing such experiments as might be deemed useful and important to guard against the bursting of steam boilers. I strongly recommend the passage of a bill of this character, believing that valuable information could thus be obtained for the better security of life and property on steam vessels. Experiments should be made on boilers of various forms and on vessels of the seaboard, the lakes, and of Western rivers.

By the terms of Section 6, act of Feb. 28, 1871, passenger steamers are prohibited from carrying coal oil, crude or refined petroleum, either as freight or stores, with the single exception that refined petroleum, which will not ignite at a lower temperature than 110 degrees Fahrepheit, may be carried on such steamers where there is no other practicable mode of transporting it. The distilled products of petroleum appear in every form, from the gaseous to the solid state, and their range of inflammability is very great. Some of the oleaginous products, the least inflammable of which are paraffine oils, are believed to be quite as safe as sperm or whale oil. While every reasonable precaution should be observed for the prevention of fires on steamers, our statute laws should nevertheless be in accordance with the laws of chemical science and the commercial necessities of the country. I, therefore, respectfully recommend that the law of Feb. 28, 1871, be so amended as to allow passenger steamers to carry as freight or stores such products as petroleum, as, in the opinion of chemical experts, shall be perfectly safe, and under such regulations as shall remove all danger from this cause. I also respectfully recommend that the provisions of Sec. 5 of the Act of Feb. 28, 1871, relating to the shipment of explosive or dangerous articles, be so amended as to authorize in any case of such shipment contrary to law, the immediate seizure of the articles thus shipped or attempted to be shipped.

The Steamboat Inspection service consists of a Supervising Inspector General, ten Supervising Inspectors, thirty-six Inspectors of Hulls, thirty-six Inspectors of Boilers, three Assistant Inspectors of Hulls, three Assistant Inspectors of Boilers, and eight clerks to the Inspectors. It is the intention of the act of Feb. 28, 1871, that the service shall be self-sustaining, without being a source of revenue. That object has been fairly attained. The Inspector General concludes as follows: "It is my sincere desire not only that all reasonable securities for protecting life and property may be adopted, but that all just grounds for complaint may be removed. No antagonism can possibly arise between the Steamboat Inspection Service and the owners of steam vessels, unless it be caused by the indiscretion of inspectors, the unreasonable demands of steamboat owners, or the efforts of persons maliciously inclined."

[*To the Associated Press.*]

APPOINTED.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—S. B. Dutcher, now Supervisor of Internal Revenue, has been appointed Pension Agent of the Widows' Agency at New York.

INDIAN APPROPRIATIONS.

The Committee on Appropriation having perfected the Indian Appropriation bill, proceeded to-day to the consideration of the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Appropriation bills. There are 14 general appropriation bills to be reported to the House of Representatives, five of which will be ready by the meeting of Congress. Not more than half of the official estimates have been submitted to the Committee, and this delay operates against the Committee's progress.

LIBEL SUIT.

Colonel W. Penn, clerk for Allen Rutherford, Third Auditor, has entered suit in the Circuit Court of this District, against John W. Forney, laying his damages at $10,000, for libel.

THE MESSAGE.

President Grant devotes several hours of the morning to the preparation of his message, and receives guests a limited time in the afternoon. The message will not be printed in advance of its transmission to Congress, but as heretofore manuscript copies will be furnished to the representatives of the press at the Executive Mansion, about the time the President's Secretary shall have reached the Capitol with the official document.

COURTESIES TO BRAZIL.

Rear Admiral Taylor, commanding the United States naval forces at the South Atlantic station, Rio Janeiro, Brazil, in a report dated Oct. 25, says that, on Oct. 15, by request of the Brazilian authorities, the flagship Lancaster was dressed with masthead flags, and at noon a salute of twenty-one guns was fired, in honor of the baptismal day of the Brazilian Emperor.

ARMY MATTERS.

Lieutenant Fred. Grant has been ordered to join his regiment.

Major Latimore; Captains Lee, Davis, and Cloes; Lieutenants Boehm, Hudson, Thompson, Warrington, Miller, McKinney, and Seifer have been commended in army orders for gallantry in the Indian fight last September. Also Surgeon Rufus Choate, for his care of the wounded under fire. Nine enlisted men have been awarded medals for gallantry on the same occasion.

THE INDIAN REPORT

will embrace a comprehensive review of the entire history of the relations of the Indians to the Government, with existing statutes.

NORTHERN PACIFIC.

The Northern Pacific Railroad Commissioners will make a report upon the opening of Congress.

THE CURRENCY.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—The Compiroller of the Currency, it is said, will recommend a repeal of the law requiring circulation to be withdrawn to the amount of $25,000,000 in States having excess of its redistribution, and in States having a deficiency, also, he will recommend the continuance of the present system of reserves, without alteration.

THE TREASURERSHIP.

It is believed, according to a Washington special, that Assistant Secretary Richardson will succeed Boutwell in the Treasury Department, but remain only long enough in the office to enable the President to choose a permanent Secretary.

GREGORI PERI.

The Final Order Commuting the Sentence of Peri to Imprisonment for Life.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 21.—The final order of commutation of the sentence of Gregori Peri was issued from the State Department this afternoon, as follows:

STATE OF ILLINOIS,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

To the Sheriff of Cook County:

WHEREAS, Gregori Peri was convicted at the April term, A. D. 1872, of the Criminal Court of Cook County, of the crime of murder, and was sentenced therefor to be hung by the neck until dead; and, whereas, the record and proceedings of the Criminal Court in the case against the said Gregori Peri were brought before the Supreme Court, where the judgment was affirmed, and the sentence of death ordered to be executed, on the 6th of December, A. D., 1872, and whereas it appears to me from the record and proceedings of the Supreme Court, that the said judgment and sentence of the said Criminal Court was affirmed against the opinion of three of the Justices thereof, who then and there declared that for errors of law manifest in the record, the said judgment of the Criminal Court ought to be reversed, and whereas a proper regard for human life on the part of the Executive authority of the State makes it the duty of the Governor to prevent the execution of the sentence of death in a case doubted and opposed by three of the Justices of the Supreme Court, now, therefore know ye that I, John M. Palmer, Governor of the State of Illinois, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution of this State, do by these presents commute the sentence of death adjudged against the said Gregori Peri to imprisonment in the Penitentiary of this State, for and during the term of his natural life, and you are hereby commanded to deliver the same Gregori Peri to the Warden of the State Penitentiary, who is hereby directed to receive the said Gregori Peri, in order that the said commutation of punishment to imprisonment for and during the term of his natural life may be carried out.

In testimony whereof I hereto set my hand and cause the great seal of the State to be affixed.

Done at the City of Springfield this twentieth day of November, of the year of Our Lord, 1872, and of the Independence of the United States the ninety-seventh.

(Signed) JOHN M. PALMER.

By the Governor: EDWARD RUMMEL, Secretary of State.

THE NEW YORK STATE CANALS.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 21.—The Joint Committee of citizens and the Board of Trade as appointed on Monday, reported the following resolutions on Change this morning, which were unanimously adopted as their canal policy:

First—To complete the Erie and Oswego Canals according to the original policy of the amendment to the Constitution of 1854, and carry out the laws enacted for that purpose by removing bench-walls and all other obstructions so as to make the canals full seventy feet wide and seven feet deep from Buffalo and Oswego to Albany, and complete the double locks, as per contract, west of Syracuse.

Second—To improve the Erie Canal from its mouth at the Buffalo River to Lower Black Rock, so as to give sufficient depth and flow of water at all times for all canal purposes.

Third—To ask the Legislature to pass the Funding bill recommended by the Chamber of Commerce of New York, in order to put the funds in a proper shape to improve the canal and make it a free canal, or as nearly so as possible.

A Kentucky Vendetta.

NASHVILLE, Nov. 21.—Information has reached here of a desperate vendetta in Olion County, a few days ago, in which two men lost their lives. Two brothers named Macumber, running a mill, had an employe named Saunders. The Macumbers had a wordy altercation with Saunders, which resulted in one of them shooting Saunders in the side. Saunders returned the fire, killing one instantly, and inflicting a wound on the other of which he died.

THE FIRE DEMON.

Three-Fourths of Galva, Ill., Destroyed—Loss, $400,000.

Fires at Other Places.

GALVA, Ill., Nov. 21.—By a great conflagration at this place last night, three-quarters of the business portion of the town is in ashes. The fire was discovered issuing from the roof of S. P. Johnson's tailor shop, which rapidly communicated to the billiard saloon of David Wright and Brownlee & Stoddard's dry goods store, on the south. It was arrested in that direction by the large fire-proof building of J. M. Finch & Son. On the north it communicated to the Post Office, the grocery store of L. P. Jarvis, and the millinery store of Miss S. M. Wells. From thence it extended to Beck's brick block, valued at $40,000; from thence, on the east, to Ayres & Todd's grocery store; Thomas Moore's shoe store; H. A. Dean's news office; Hunt's meat-market; W. N. Jones' music store; Anderson & Engstrand's boot and shoe store; Mrs. J. C. Payne's toy and fancy store; McCorkle Brothers' saloon; Crawford's meat-market, and Armstrong's tobacco and cigar store, in which direction it was arrested. From Beck's Block, on the north, it extended to the carriage-shop of Williams & Phillhower; Mrs. E. M. Ash & Co.'s millinery store, and M. H. Negus' shoe-shop.

The total loss is supposed to be from $300,000 to $350,000, and the insurance $175,000.

BOSTON, Nov. 21.—Rand & Avery are not yet exactly able to determine their loss, but, according to estimates, it will be from $150,000 to $175,000. In the matter of insurance they are unfortunate, not having replaced their policies since the great fire.

The total amount of insurance is $135,000; in foreign offices, $25,000; Boston offices, $75,000; other offices, $34,000. The Congregational Publishing Society is fully insured in local and foreign offices. It loses $25,000. Henry Hoyt, publisher of Sunday school books, $20,000; insured. Thomas Strahan & Son, $15,000; uninsured. Solomon & Samuels, clothing, $12,000; uninsured. P. T. Lotell & Sons, hardware, $10,000; partial insurance.

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 21.—A fire at Genesee, Wis., yesterday, burned Prentiss' packing-house. Loss, $3,000.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 21.—Brenzel & Fortenbaugh's colliery at Big Mine Run, near Ashland, Pa., was burned yesterday. Loss not stated, but covered by insurance.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 21.—The extensive sawmill of Captain Joseph Walker, of this city, situated in the borough of Elizabeth, was burned on Saturday morning. Loss, $20,000; insurance, $5,000.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—The sugar in the remains of the warehouse of Woodruff & Robinson, Brooklyn, was damaged $75,000 to $100,000 by fire to-day, occasioned by falling walls.

DES MOINES, Nov. 21.—The residence of Marion Robusts, three miles south of Indianola, was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. Loss $4,000; light insurance.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Nov. 21.—A fire broke out in Dow & Bros'. planing mills, at 9 o'clock to-night, which is likely to prove most disastrous. The fire has already extended to three blocks, and over 25 houses have been burned. Will send later report.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Nov. 21.—The losses by the fire here on the 18th inst. are about $12,000, and not $150,000 as first reported. The total insurance is $16,700.

NEW YORK.

Mysterious Disappearances—The Concert Saloons—Alleged Frauds on the Erie Railway—Two Firemen Killed—Arrival of Freedmen—The Japanese Fleet—The O'Neill Murder—The Arizona—The Stokes Case Again Postponed—Patent Steam Car—Attempted Murder—Counterfeit Coupons.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—Two strange cases of mysterious disappearances in this city are exciting the public and puzzling the police. At half-past 2 o'clock on Thursday morning, the 14th inst., Mr. George H. Pevy, a merchant of Louisville, Ky., disappeared at the street door of the Brandreth House, corner of Canal street and Broadway, and he has not since been seen or heard of. Mr. Pevy is know to have had on his person at the time about $5,000, which he had drawn the day before from the Nassau National Bank, of Brooklyn. In the bosom of his shirt were two magnificent pearls, valued at $300. He carried in his waistcoat pocket an old-fashioned gold watch, with a white dial, that his grandfather had given him. This watch, which was of Liverpool make, was fastened to a heavy old-fashioned chain, also a relic. The money Mr. Pevy drew from the bank was given to him in a one-thousand-dollar bill, four five-hundred-dollar bills, four one-hundred-dollar bills, and six fifty-dollar bills. It is very probable Mr. Pevy had a good deal more money than this about him. The missing man was always known to be very quiet and steady. His brother says he never saw him drunk in his life, and he doubts if he ever was drunk or any one else ever did. He has always been happy in his domestic relations. He had recently retired from the insurance business, and came here to embark in some other commercial pursuit. He is reported to be worth $60,000, and his wife is also wealthy. It is believed by the police that a woman was placed on the track of Mr. Pevy, who followed him from place to place, and saw him draw the $5,000 from the Brooklyn Bank. Justice Pevy, of Louisville, a brother of the missing man, who came to this city to join in the search, says that he has carefully examined his brother's affairs, and found everything in first-class order. He, with the missing man's wife, believes that Mr. Pevy has been murdered for the money which he was known to have carried about him. The police have arrested one or two suspicious men, who have been seen hanging around the Brandreth House.

The search for Mr. Van Doran, of Brooklyn, continues. The case creates the greatest sensation throughout Long Island, where the family of the missing man is well known, and in many localities people are making search in the surrounding woods. The relatives and friends have visited every locality where it was known duck-shooting was indulged in, including Canarsie, Ruffle Bar, Oyster Bar, Little Neck, and Fire Island. At the first-named place, it was learned that a man had been fished out of the water a few days since, with a bullet-hole in the centre of his forehead, but the remains did not answer the description of Van Doran. No doubt exists in the minds of the people but that the stranger was robbed and murdered, and then thrown into the water, and Van Doran is believed to have met the same fate.

The war upon the concert saloons continues, and many dens are closed. The waiter girls are afraid to resume business, and customers are fearful of raids. The Superintendent of Police says he will continue the descents until all indecent and unlicensed concert saloons are rooted out. This will destroy all except a few which have theatrical and liquor licenses. The Centurys has discharged its fifty waiter-girls, and will hereafter be a theatrical saloon.

The Widow Wade sued ex-Mayor Kalbfleisch, of Brooklyn, for $100,000 damages, for breach of promise. The defendant, in his answer, swore that "the promise was expressly upon condition and in the event that, upon inquiry, it should prove that the plaintiff was, and had been, of fair fame and repute." The widow accepted this limited proposal, and the venerable Mayor states that his investigation was wholly unfavorable. The case will soon be tried.

[*To the Associated Press.*]

The *Times*, upon the authority of Watson, President of the Erie Railway, says that H. F. Sweetser, Manager of the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad, has resigned, and paid over $75,000 to General McClellan, President of that company, who had detected him in connivance with residents along the line of the road appropriating a portion of the Company's receipts. The friends of Sweetser deny his guilt. The Secretary of the Great Western Road is at Meadville, making a full investigation.

Two firemen were killed and one was wounded yesterday by the falling of the walls of the main storehouse, in Brooklyn, which was burned two days ago.

The steamship San Salvador, from Savannah, Ga., with freedmen for Liberia, arrived last evening. This band, numbering 230, is the advance guard of 5,000 emigrants.

Stokes, in his next trial, will be defended by new counsel, his former counsel having retired.

The Capron, the second vessel of the Japanese fleet building in these waters, will make her trial trip in a few days.

The Coroner's investigation into the shooting of Anthony F. O'Neill by James C. King, on Monday, was held to-day. The Court room was crowded. Mrs. O'Neill was the chief witness to testify to the shooting. A verdict of "wilful murder" was returned against King, who, in answer to interrogatories, said that he was 33 years old, was born in Morristown, N. J., and is an attorney and counsellor. By the advice of counsel he declined to say whether or not he was guilty.

The Pacific Mail Company announce the receipt of a despatch from San Diego, Cal., stating that the steamship Constitution passed there yesterday with the Arizona in tow, and they may be expected at San Francisco on Saturday.

The case of Edward S. Stokes, which was set down for the first Monday in December, has been postponed, by consent of counsel, till the second Monday in the same month.

The widow of A. D. Putnam, who was killed by Foster with a car-hook, has brought suit against the Seventh Avenue Railroad Company to recover $5,000 for the loss of her husband, her counsel contending that the Company was bound to protect him from injury while on their cars.

Delegations from the City Council and the Common Council of Brooklyn witnessed the trial of the new patent steam car to-day, on the Bleecker Street Railroad, which appeared to work well.

The attempted assassination, on Tuesday, of Patrick Mathews by Thomas Seavers, on Twelfth street, is said to have been kept from the newspapers by political influence. The *News* charges the brother of the assailant, a police officer, with endeavoring to compound a felony. Seavers was arrested.

The authorities have failed to discover the counterfeiter of the Union Pacific income bonds. One hundred and eighty coupons, purporting to be of $1,000 bonds, have been paid, and if the bonds to which they purport to correspond are also engraved, the counterfeit will be at least $180,000.

WALL STREET.

Review of the Money, Bond, Stock, Gold, and Produce Markets.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—The stock market was strong to-day, and advanced. Business was active, with considerable excitement in the favorite speculative shares. Northwestern was decidely the chief feature, opening at 95, and, after declining to 90, jumped up to 100. Borrowers paid ½ for its use early in the day, but "flat" loans were made in the afternoon. For some time, it is reported, extensive purchases of Northwestern have been made by Horace F. Clark and Jay Gould. The object has been to obtain the control of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, and by that means supply a missing link in the great railroad chain under the control of Vanderbilt, running from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Horace F. Clark is the President of the Union Pacific Railroad, and of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, and Commodore Vanderbilt of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroads. The Chicago & Northwestern is the link wanted from Chicago to Omaha. Daniel Drew is largely short of Chicago and Northwestern stock, and it becoming known to the Vanderbilt party, there was an attempt made to give him a "squeeze." The movement was entirely unexpected.

The *Post* says: "The cornering party in Northwestern includes both those who were bulls and bears in the stock two weeks ago, a compromise having been effected. The principal sufferers by the corner are reported to be the venerable ex-Erie Director, and another well-known wealthy speculator, noted for always being on the 'bear' side. The general 'short' interest in the stock is also reported large."

After Northwestern, Erie was the leading feature, and advanced to 25¾. Pacific Mail was active and irregular, selling at 39¼@38@39. Lake Shore advanced from 88¾ to 89¾. Union Pacific from 34½ to 35; Ohico from 45¾ to 45¾; Panama from 138 to 140¾, and New York Central from 98½ to 99.

MONEY.

The money market was easy during the morning, at 7 per cent currency to 7 per cent gold on call, but worked a little closer in the afternoon, when loans were made at 1-32 per diem.

The London news is favorable. Money there is easy. Nearly all the gold sold by the Treasury to-day will have to be paid for in legal tenders, National Bank notes being scarce. The payments for this gold are made direct into the Treasury, so that the money market gains nothing by Treasury operations this week; on the contrary, it loses about $300,000 in legal tenders.

Commercial paper is unchanged.

Foreign exchange is firm.

GOLD.

Gold was alternately weak and firm; fluctuated between 113 and 113¾.

Government bonds closed strong.

PRODUCE.

Flour was firmer, and fairly active for low grades; medium dull and irregular; No. 2 and superfine in active demand at hig

THE RECORDS.

Meeting of the County Commissioners Yesterday Afternoon.

Discussion of the Proposition to Purchase the Abstract Books.

Their Possession by the County Deemed Absolutely Necessary.

What Will the Owners Take, and How Can the Money Be Raised?

A Swap of the Normal School Grounds Suggested.

Another Meeting to Be Held To-Day.

Letter from Mr. Louis D. Hoard.

The County Commissioners held a meeting yesterday afternoon, President White in the chair. Present, Messrs. Jones, Ashton, Harrison, Skelly, Stearns, Lonergan, Herting, Fahlman, Crawford, and Roelle.

Messrs. Galloway and Miller, elected respectively to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of Messrs. Wahl and Talcott, qualified and took their seats.

The special order was then taken up, being the report of the Special Committee on the Restoration of the Records, with a resolution attached, for the purchase of the abstract books, the sum being left blank.

Mr. Crawford moved the Board to go into Committee of the Whole on the resolution.

It was so ordered, and the Board went into Committee, Commissioner Crawford in the chair.

General White said the report presented two questions: one whether it was expedient to buy these books to partly replace the old records, the other, the price. He was disappointed that the Committee had obtained no opinion from the Judges as to the utility of the books. They had given an opinion on nothing. They say if anything was bought, all should be, and then conditioned on the power of the county to pay for them. What they had said gave him no light. If they had said the county shouldor should not buy the books, he would be far more ready to vote. To legislate at a guess as to what the Judges would approve, he did not like. Still, the law did not require them to say more than they had. He suggested that the Board take up first the question whether it was necessary or expedient to make the purchase at all.

Mr. Harrison asked Mr. Ashton what the Judges meant by saying they should buy everything—did they mean to buy duplicates?

Mr. Ashton said yes—to break up a monopoly, and since one set might have what another did not.

Mr. Harrison said the law authorized the purchase of copies or originals. There was no reason for having the latter, except from the possibility of copy errors. Could not they buy one set of books and correct it from the others, and be as well off as if all were bought. Of some books there were even triplicates. The county need not go into the purchase of these books at so great a sum, when it could get the same information for half as much. The amount demanded for the whole was about $750,000. They had already sold bonds to the amount of $750,000. If they raised the valuation of the county to $100,000,000, they could raise annually but $750,000 for current expenses, which could not be diminished, owing to pauperism, etc. The interest on bonds already issued, and the amount for sinking fund, had also to be conside red, which was to be deducted from the annual tax. Therefore, before buying the books and issuing more bonds, they had better submit the thing to a popular vote. Nor did he see any necessity for the purchase. A few real estate firms had suffered, but the sales in the last six months had been immense. Where was the imperative necessity?

Mr. Crawford said the Judges declined to consider the plan of a compilation.

Mr. Ashton moved that so much of the resolution as related to the purchase of the books be taken up.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. Ashton had, after much reflection, come to the conclusion that something should be done to restore the records, and had voted for the proposition to pay $400,000. That was disapproved by the Judges, since it did not cover anything of an original nature. Why they did so he could not tell, except for the two reasons stated, that some books corrected others, and that it was absolutely necessary to break up the monopoly. The abstract men did not want to sell everything, and did not think it needful for the county to buy it, nor did he; but he did not like to set himself up against the eight Judges. They had come to the conclusion they would approve no plan which did not buy everything. Then the Committee had nothing left to do but to find what the books could be had for. He thought they would get on easily with less than all the books, but there was the decision of the Judges. He had now no question of the necessity of some action by the Board to do something to replace the records. A large majority of property-owners favored the purchase of the books, to some extent, at least. He was willing to vote the county should make a purchase, but it not hedged in by the law, they could proceed more easily than now. Now all they could do was to say that they would or would not buy all. Then the question came as to the amount.

Mr. Miller asked if the Judges said explicitly the books were really necessary, and should be purchased.

Mr. Crawford said the majority of the Judges had so expressed themselves to the Committee. Three often said so. One Judge said he had been opposed, but was recently convinced.

Mr. Ashton said there was nothing in the law calling on the Judges for an opinion as to the necessity of the books. A majority of the Judges, however, did indicate to the Committee that there was a necessity for the purchase. One or two seemed to think there was no necessity.

General White said he had been of the opinion that the county as a corporate body was guilty of neglect in the way in which the records had been kept. It was hard to find a parallel. They were accessible to any who chose to meditate them, and, in case of fire, their destruction was certain. Cook County owed it to each individual to replace the record of his land if it could. Would the abstracts do it? The Judges said they tended to show title, and that the county should buy them for a price within its means. He knew of no more important thing for the county to do than to restore these records. If it did not, every real estate owner must go into court and prove his title. He had nothing to prove title to an inch of land except what was in the abstract books, which were now liable to loss, or destroyed. It was twice worth property had been sold, but that simply proved the mutual confidence of men—it did not prove that it could be carried on indefinitely. He did not think the county unable to make the purchase. If he voted to buy the books, he would want a proposition adopted to sell the Reform School grounds to cover the cost,—or as much of it as possible. He would never vote for $750,000 under any circumstances. Half a million was ample. The records to buy could be procured without interfering with any other great county interest. He had generally found people wanted the books bought at a reasonable price; bankers, lawyers and real estate men thought so. Therefore he was prepared to vote it was expedient to buy the books.

Mr. Harrison said their financial position was about as follows: The estimates for county purposes for the current year were $689,502.79. Bonds to the amount of $750,000 had already been voted. The building of a jail had been contracted for, costing at least $400,000, which would run up the amount of bonds issued to $1,150,000, leaving $850,000 more which they had power to issue. If they issued all their bonds, at 7 per cent, the interest to be paid would amount to $105,000. The sinking fund, at 5 per cent, would make $75,000. That made $869,502.79, which would have to be raised by taxation. If the valuation were raised to $120,000,000, they would only get $9,000,000, leaving them a margin of $1,000. If it was raised to $120,000,000 they would have to pay the State $180,000 for the privilege. For every hundred dollars added, the State put on 90 cents. It was well to consider that state of affairs. They could sell the Reform School grounds, but not for so great a sum. Personally, he would be benefited by buying the books, but he did not see how the county could get them, except for a reasonable sum, and that the abstract men would not take.

General White offered the following:

WHEREAS, The public records of titles to real estate in this county were destroyed by fire on the 9th day of October, 1871, since which time the evidence upon which the ownership of real estate has rested chiefly, and, in most cases, wholly, upon certain copies or abstracts of said records, held by persons who are in no wise responsible to the public for their safety from fire or mutilation; and,

WHEREAS, In the opinion of this Board, it is the duty of the county to replace said records, so far as it is possible to do so, in order that tedious, vexatious, and extensive litigation in establishing titles be avoided, and in order that transfers of property may be effected without the great delay and expense now necessary; it is therefore

Resolved, That the Special Committee on the Restoration of Public Records be, and they are hereby, authorized and instructed to offer to the owners of the copies or abstracts of the records, referred to in the above preamble, the sum of $———— in twenty-year six per cent bonds of the county for the whole of said abstracts or copies of the public records in their possession, being originals, not copies, made by them from said public records, whether the same were obtained from records in the Recorder's office, or of the several Courts, or of tax sales, or any other official source whatever; *Provided*, that, prior to making such proposition, said Committee shall present to the Judges of the Circuit and Superior Courts a certified copy of this proceeding of this Board in the matter for their approval or disapproval as required by law.

Resolved, That in case such proposition be approved by the Judges, and accepted by the owners of the abstracts, for the purpose of providing for the payment of said bonds in whole or in parts, it shall be the duty of the Finance Committee of this Board to cause to be subdivided and offered for sale such time or times hereafter as they may appoint, the property known as the Reform School grounds, upon the following terms, namely: 20 per cent in hand, 10 per cent annually thereafter, for three years, or until one-half of the purchase price shall have been paid, and the remaining one-half of the purchase money to be paid in twenty years from the date of the issue of said bonds by the county, with the interest upon all deferred payments payable semi-annually at the rate of 6 per cent per annum.

He believed the grounds, sold as he suggested, would produce the bulk of the money required for the books. People would, on such terms, pay for the lots a little beyond their present cash value. He would avoid taxation, if possible, and believed they could do it almost entirely. He denied the county had better hold real estate on speculation than re-establish its records. He had no objection to turning over the proceeds of the lands to the abstract men instead of giving bonds, and paying $100,000 in money to bind the bargain. The lands they would not take.

Mr. Ashton approved of the substitute. He asserted that Cook County was able to buy the property without a dollar of additional taxation. He was authorized to say that if the county bought the books one of the abstract-men would pay $5,000 a month for sixty months for the use of the land indices. That showed the value of the books. The employes in the office were willing to give $5,000 for the privilege. He understood the abstract men would take the Reform School ground at its cash value, the county paying the difference in money; they giving a contract that if the land sold for more, in two years, the county should have the difference. Men stood ready to give $400,000 for the books. He would agree to vote to pay $750,000 for the books, thinking they could be bought for $600,000, and, if the Reform School grounds could go to make up the sum, he would support the proposition. In a few years the valuation would naturally so greatly rise as to increase the amount derived from taxation. It was silly for Cook County to hold on to the Reform School grounds, especially when, by selling, the records could be restored. He believed they could get the books for $600,000.

Mr. Stearns said last summer a resolution to have the grounds subdivided and every alternate lot sold, had been referred to the Finance Committee, but Mr. Ashton had strongly opposed it, stating it would increase 10 and 12 per cent, and the county had been paying 17 per cent for money. Yet the resolution slept in the Finance Committee. He had always wanted the books to be bought, but he would not vote an exorbitant price. He was willing to make a trade with the abstract men for the ground. He offered the following:

Resolved, That this Board will give the several abstract firms for say such of their indices, books, notices, and memoranda as they may have in their possession, which relate to any and all titles to lands in Cook County, the grounds and real estate known as the Reform School grounds, containing twenty acres, more or less, said above described property to be divided by the several Judges of our Courts concur in our resolution.

If that was done, they gave $150,000 more than the books were worth. If the ground had been subdivided last year, it would have brought six or seven hundred thousand dollars. The Board had not done its duty during the year. Still, he was willing to give the ground for the books. In two years they would be worth seven to nine hundred thousand dollars. He would vote for no exorbitant price in money or bonds, and he believed he understood the wishes of his constituents.

Mr. Skelly said they wanted the ground to pay for the jail with, which would cost $800,000. The Judges advised the purchase of all, since they fancied the county could not buy all. If the abstract men were offered $850,000, they would take it, and not sell to the county for $600,000. The jail would certainly cost $750,000.

Mr. Stearns' substitute was lost—ayes, 4; noes, 5; Messrs. Galloway, Stearns, Harris, and Harrison in the affirmative.

The Committee rose and reported progress, and asked leave to sit again, which was granted.

The Board adjourned to meet this afternoon.

LETTER FROM LEWIS D. HOARD.

To the Editors of The Chicago Tribune:

SIRS: The writer of the article on "Abstracts," published in Wednesday's TRIBUNE has, in discussing the general question of a purchase of the abstract books, fallen into several errors, and, consequently, made some statements which should not pass unchallenged, and I wish, if you will allow me the space in your paper, to notice three points made by the writer. He says:

First, "It was soon discovered that we could get along without abstracts." This is indeed a remarkable discovery, and if it were only true would entitle the discoverer to a liberal reward. The facts, however, are, that we have not got along without abstracts; but that more abstracts have been made from these "memoranda of 40s" (which you seem to despise) since the fire by thousands, than were ever had before in the same length of time, and, with the exception of about two weeks in August last, the number of abstracts and opinions made have only been limited by the capacity of the abstract offices to furnish them. The fact that we have not always searched has been ordered in a special examination of opinion made by the most experienced, able, and careful real estate dealers, loan-brokers, and business men of the City of Chicago, including most of the Judges, editors, and County Commissioners of Cook County, as to the value and necessity of the abstract books; and "the real estate business of Chicago during 1872 has been unprecedentedly large," because, amongst other reasons, and principally, of the unprecedented number of titles which the been exhibited from these "memoranda."

Secondly: "These abstracts will not sustain a bad title nor overthrow a good one." That is specious, but untrue, as if Mother Goose had written it, which they are an epitome. It is not title which is lost, but the evidence of it, and these are what remain to us in their place. The records disclosed what kind of a title it was, and the man has been the agent and these abstracts do the same entstentially, and the reason why they should be bought is, that the record which the public have lost may as far as possible be restored, and if the ability to make title from *the record that enables the owner of real property to sell it or raise money on it by mortgage, and not the fact that he actually has a good title to his land*, which he is willing to offer and will warrant over the value of the abstract books as, before the destruction thereof, it constituted the value of our records, that they enable the owner to show such title.

Thirdly: "We have got along without them for a year." The exact reverse of this is true, as I have shown. We have got along for a year because of them; and it will be because of them that we shall get along for the future, and it is for the purpose to see we get along upon them in our real estate transactions, that is the reason why they should be substituted for the lost records, according to the intent of the law which authorizes their purchase, respectfully,

CHICAGO, Nov. 21, 1872. LOUIS D. HOARD.

Methodist Missions.

Among the appropriations by the Methodist Episcopal Missionary Board to the Annual Conferences for domestic missions are the following: Central Illinois, $2,000; Central Ohio, $2,000; Cincinnati, $2,000; Colorado, $7,700; Des Moines, $1,500; Detroit, $3,000; Illinois, $1,000; Indiana, $1,000; Iowa, $1,000; Kansas, $7,000; Michigan, $3,000; Minnesota, $9,000; Missouri, $6,000; Nebraska, $7,000; Nevada, $6,000; North Indiana, $1,500; North Ohio, $1,500; Northwest Indiana, $1,000; Northwest Iowa, $5,000; Ohio, $2,000; Rocky Mountain, $18,000; St. Louis, $7,000; Southeast Indiana, $1,000; Southern Illinois, $1,400; Upper Iowa, $2,500; West Wisconsin, $4,000; Wisconsin, $3,500; Wyoming, $800.

BOSTON.

Some Talk About the Fire.

Gravitation of Business--Will the City Hold Its Trade?

From Our Own Correspondent.

BOSTON, Nov. 16, 1872.

THE HORSE-DISTEMPER

will be remembered in future years as making one leading feature of the great Boston fire. It may be that our horse, partaking of our civilization, proposes to have his little asthmatic spells every two or three years; in which case we cannot rely upon him to illustrate any fire whatever. But it is somewhat singular that the great horse-distemper was associated with no greater civic accident than the Boston fire. Here a horse would have been of little use, because the fire covering 60 acres of ground, and extending along the lines of circuitous and vacillating streets, needed no greater aid than men were able to give in pulling machines to and fro. I was anxious, in Boston, to try and identify the horses and the destruction with each other, but nobody seemed to know much about the horse in the midst of the destruction, and, as a phenomenon, it may be said that the horse-distemper and the great Boston fire had little to do with each other, except that horses might have carted off some goods.

THE FIRE IN BOSTON

will have accomplished nothing in the way of making changes, unless it drives some of the large wholesalers and jobbing merchants to New York City. Boston, in some estimations, possesses more than its proper share of the wholesale and jobbing trade. If some of the merchants there prefer to go to New York rather than rebuild expensively, the town will merely have anticipated its decline in this one respect.

RAILWAYS.

New York reaches the West and Southwest by about seven lines of railway. Boston reaches the country by only one line, except in the summer, when the Vermont Central gives its marine access to the colder parts of the West. Why should a man keep a great store in Boston, with only one line of railway connecting him with mankind, when he can move to New York and have the whole seven lines subordinate to his trade? Chicago was recreated through its railway system. A man may speculate as much as he likes about how much luck Chicago and Boston possess relatively, and about their natural advantages; but the fact remains that Chicago was recreated because all the roads pointed to it. Boston possesses two railways which go to a market: the Boston & Albany and the Vermont Central. The Vermont Central is of little use to Boston after the St. Lawrence closes with ice. The Boston & Albany is a crooked and rough road; and, when a man approaches Boston on that line, he finds at Albany that he is but four hours distant from New York, while he is, perhaps, six or seven hours distant from Boston. Until the Hoosac Tunnel be done, Boston has not control of any one great outlet to the West all the year round; and, by the operations of the tariff, which Boston mainly made as we find it, the city has cut off its own natural market: that of Canada. As a cheerful municipality, and as a perfect, well-ordered, plucky town, the city has abundant reasons to be restored, and probably will be, nearly as well as before. It belongs to the class of New England towns that manufacture notions, buy wool, manufacture boots and shoes and certain other machine articles by superior perfectness of mechanism and cheaper labor. But, as a city feeding the country from its warehouses and storehouses, the day of Boston has well-nigh passed.

NEW YORK ABSORBING BOSTON.

Even the publishers, who spend a good deal of their time foolishly in decrying New York City, have a secret longing to get there, and follow the same business which they now follow with diminished returns in Boston. The whole movement of our period is *from* the New England States; and Providence, Boston, Portland, New Haven, Hartford, Norwich, and that large series of New England towns, are really only subordinate exchanges for the great final exchange of New York City, where Yankee-land meets its customer.

Boston, as a city, was originally made by its shipping. It had a vast business with the East Indies, and nearly all the whaling business to speak of on the Western Hemisphere. Foreigners carried away the East India business, and new developments in mining and mineral oil ruined its old business. The city has laid up a large amount of money, and upon this it speculated in investments in nearly all the Western cities, putting down railroads, wooden pavements, gas-works, water-works, and all those indispensable things which make a modern city, and which drew handsome incomes as the same succeeded. But, as a city in the sense of a great merchant calling upon it mighty custom, etc., Boston was quietly retiring from the field; and to put up those vast stores anew, while plucky enough in some senses, will not suspend the fate of much in the city from its inevitable destiny to be a suburb of New York.

A good deal of paper could be covered in describing little matters about the Boston fire; but, after your great experience in Chicago in getting conflagration statistics, the more matters of corner and suburban account need not be recited. I heard a good many

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some of which would make you laugh; but they are not more laughable than Chicago anecdotes of the same description. For instance: A policeman told me that he was looking out for plunderers during the fire, and he saw a man overhauling a barrel of boots and shoes. The man seemed to be very nice about what kind of boots and what kind of shoes he should pick out; and the policeman, in order to impress him with the enormity of his offence, came up behind him, and, putting his big hand on the man's shoulder, "My man," said he, "what are you doing with this barrel?"

Said the man, in a very innocent way: "I am looking for a pair of Number Sevens!" And the men laughed at each other, and there was no arrest.

PAPER REACTS.

There was not very equal enterprise in the reports of the fire by the home Boston papers. One of the ablest journals in considering the fire was the *Advertiser*, which has a boyish, shrewd city editor, who worked along with a cool head, and gave an immense amount of interesting matter daily. The Boston *Herald* was a cool-headed, sagacious paper from the beginning to the end. The *Traveller* and *Transcript* fussed around the Assessor's office, and gave a pretty good history of what Boston was before the fire, but very little account of the fire itself. Indeed, there has been in Boston City no striking account of the fire written as all. I met a number of city editors one morning, and put the question directly if there was to why they had made such a lame account of the conflagration.

"For instance," said I, "who can tell me what time the fire got from Winthrop square across to a certain point, and by what routes it travelled the quickest. I want to know, also, whether the fire, from the point of beginning, went most rapidly up to the Washington street limits, or down by the harbor side; and I want to know the point of junction of the different flames, in order to come to some conclusion about the *regimen* of the thing."

"Well," said one gentleman to me, "we had a supper that night of the Press Association of Boston, and a few of us went down and looked at the fire about five minutes, and then went home because we had not to publish until Monday morning. The Boston *Herald* had to come out on Sunday, as it does every week, and that paper kept some man out, who informed and posted it."

Indeed, a large number of persons never came to see their property as it was destroyed, but heard of the fire in some distant suburb, and sat down in their homes and said: "We can do nothing, and will know all about it on the week-day." Some of the most valuable property of the world was being given to the flame on Saturday night and Sunday morning, and the men most nearly interested in keeping it stayed at their country-seats, in such towns as Newton, and Lynn, and Quincy, and came to the city with a cool, quiet look on Monday, to encounter the insurance company's adjuster, who had perhaps travelled all the way from New York or Philadelphia. As a fire with

CONCOMITANT CONTRASTS, AND A DRAMATIC SIDE,

Boston gave us nothing worthy of a literary commiseration. There was little play of personal character, little anecdote, and no great moving incident, in the entire thing. Nobody is very sure to this day whether the Fire Department was gallant, or only so-so in energy and efficiency. Most everybody says that it behaved gallantly, although few know anything about it.

It is certain that, in our great cities, beset all the time with opportunities for burning up, we pay but little attention to our

FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

The average fireman, as I saw in Boston,—and perhaps the same remark would hold good of Chicago,—is a reckless volunteer, who seems to hold that saving property by putting out fire is a recreation rather than a sober piece of business. In towns which are so populant about the price of real estate, there should be some more consideration for the business of plucking fire. One of the oldest cities in the country has been Boston, and yet it was a helpless infant in the face of this conflagration. New York ought to look out in time, for the Mansard roofs, built of the flimsiest materials, there line miles of streets, and yet it is no better adapted to resist a fire than Chicago was fourteen months ago.

GATH.

GREAT FIRES.

In Brooklyn, N. Y.

From the New York Tribune, Nov. 19.

The most destructive fire that has visited Brooklyn for many years occurred yesterday afternoon at the extensive bonded warehouses of Franklin Woodruff & James C. Robinson, which occupy the square bounded by the East River and Columbia, Amity, and Congress streets. The buildings were of brick, and covered an area of 730x200 feet. The main buildings were five stories high, and there was also a frame elevator seven stories in height. The fire was first discovered among the machinery on the third story of Warehouse P, which is close to the wharf and in Congress street. The alarm was quickly given, the firemen promptly responded, and soon there was a perfect deluge of water poured upon the burning building and the elevator, which had also caught fire.

After a time it was found impossible to save the elevator, and the firemen turned the streams upon the warehouses to which the flames had communicated. These buildings were of brick, five stories high. They were leased by William Beers & Co., and contained over 1,000,000 bushels of grain, and sugar, the property of several New York merchants. Fourteen streams of water poured upon these buildings, and the firemen stood upon the roofs for an hour trying to prevent the fire from reaching them, but were forced at last to abandon them to the flames, which were raging fiercely behind the massive iron shutters. Steam engines Nos. 3, 8, 7, 11, and 5 were stationed in front of the warehouses, at the extreme end of the wharf, and, after the iron shutters had been torn from warehouse P, poured copious streams into the doomed building. The other steamers were stationed on the side streets and deluged the other storehouses, thus preventing the flames from reaching them. There were also several hundred men and boys at work, pouring buckets of water upon the roofs of the adjoining lath, brick, and lime sheds owned by French, Martin & Co., which were fired in several places by burning cinders which were blown about by the strong wind. Messrs. Robinson & Woodruff were on the ground most of the time, and by their direction the contents of the storehouses A, B, C, D, and E, consisting of sugar and molasses, were removed to parts of the wharf remote from the flames.

The elevator, after burning fiercely for over an hour, fell a mass of blackened ruins into the slips, and soon afterward the roofs and side walls of storehouse P and I toppled over with a loud crash.

The firemen finally got the flames under control and confined them to the two storehouses. Mr. Beers's estimates his loss on buildings at $180,000. He is insured for $80,000 by the following companies: Firemen's, $12,500; Merchants', $12,500; Nassau, $10,000; Phenix, $10,000; Ætna of Hartford, $10,000; Sterling, $10,000; and another company, $10,000. Woodruff & Robinson owned the machinery in the storehouses, and valued it at $50,000. They have an insurance of $50,000 by New York and Brooklyn companies. The value of grain and sugar burned is estimated at $400,000. It is covered by insurance in New York and Brooklyn companies.

In Boston.

Boston (Nov. 18) Despatch to the New York Herald.

Another night of terror from fire has dawned upon the ill-fated city of Boston. At about a quarter past 10 to-night, when everybody was indulging in a sense of relief from the anxiety of the conflagration of last week, there came an alarm which indicated a fire at the lower end of State street. The flames at this moment had gained a fearful headway, and the skies in the vicinity were most brilliantly illuminated, and the fear and apprehension that State street block was in flames were realized upon reaching the spot, and its safety from complete destruction seemed impossible. Thousands and thousands of people flocked to the vicinity, and the whole Fire Department was summoned. Several streams were soon brought to bear upon the devouring element, but for a long time they seemed futile in either subduing or checking the progress of the flames. A mild breeze wafted the sparks in all directions, and the destruction of an untold number of mercantile buildings, filled with valuable goods and stores, and the Custom House, was threatened. All the Government books, deposits, and other valuables were got in readiness for removal, and the merchants, with the aid of the army of job wagons early on hand, immediately went to work conveying their goods to distant points of safety. The steamers lying at the wharves pulled out into the stream, and the highest rate of business in hauling to the large fleet of sailing vessels which lined the docks all along Atlantic avenue. The flames meanwhile swept along the roof of the huge structure, bursting out at intervals from the windows of the warehouses, forming what may well be called a scene of sickening grandeur, and inspiring firemen and citizens alike with the belief that the terrible events of a week ago were to be repeated. Oils, drugs, liquors, and other goods equally combustible and inflammable were contained in the huge building in quantities, which it is impossible to estimate, and as the flames marched in the direction of these dangerous compounds fresh fears were created for the safety of this section of the city. At times the firemen seemed to gain temporary mastery of the situation, but it was more than an hour before there was any substantial advantages gained, and then only with the assistance of the firemen from neighboring cities, who were sent for at the moment the magnitude of the conflagration was realized. The wind, too, went down very suddenly, and it was at once apparent that the Custom House and surrounding buildings were out of danger, and the articles and goods which had been removed were soon after returned.

The central portion of the block will probably have to be rebuilt, but the ends are uninjured. It is owned by the heirs of the late David Sears, who lost heavily by the great fire of last week.

The fire originated on the third floor, occupied by Gould, Hitchcock & Co., for the storage of crockery. This same firm lost everything by last week's fire, and had just re-established themselves in new quarters.

The following are the losses, as near as can be ascertained: Carter, Mann & Co., Nos. 205 and 207, wholesale tea, coffees and spices, stock valued at about $85,000; partial loss; fully insured.

J. & W. Bird occupied the three lower floors of 209 and 211; paints and oils; loss not ascertained.

D. Webster, King & Co., manufacturers, had just moved into the fourth floor, having been burned out at the great fire; loss, $1,400; no insurance.

The Boston Drywood and Chemical Company also burned out by the big fire, occupied the fifth floor, with a new stock, which was badly damaged by water; no insurance.

Danford, Scudder & Co., wholesale grocers, occupying four floors of 201 and 203; stock badly damaged by water; fully insured.

S. S. Pierce used the fifth floor for the storage of teas and coffees, which was badly damaged by smoke and water; insured.

The King of the Street.

New York Correspondence of the Cincinnati Commercial.

Henry N. Smith is known throughout the country as one of the most desperate and successful operators in Wall street. It was he who became so noted at the Black Friday time as the head of the firm of Smith, Gould & Martin; it was he who was in with Fisk in the bold operations against the Erie Railroad, and it was he who made a corner on greenbacks last winter by carrying five millions of dollars on his person and locking it up in the Tenth National Bank,—which last operation became the subject of Congressional inquiry. Smith came on to Washington and was examined. The Committee did not get much comfort out of his answers. They asked him if he had locked up five millions of dollars in greenbacks. He frankly said he had. They asked him why he did it. He freely acknowledged that he did it to make money by the operation, and wanted to know what the Committee intended to do about it. Without answering, the members of the Committee said that right he had to lock up that amount of money. Then he got angry and told them that it was none of their d—l business that the money was his own and he could do with it as he liked; and it was about this time that the Committee found they had made a mistake. Smith collected about fifty dollars witness fees, and returned to New York, and that was the last of the silly investigation. A gentleman who was also a witness before the committee said, subsequently, that Smith actually carried the $5,000,000 on his person for two days. The lining of his overcoat was filled with pockets, and into these the money was stowed.

Smith is about 35 or 38 years old, short of stature, slight of frame, and red of hair. The latter he wears cut close, and his whiskers *a la militaire*, or mutton-chop, with moustache. His name is not Henry M. nor Henry N. Smith, but simply Henry Smith. He is a native of Troy, Pa., a little village which is shut in with charming grace from the outside world by a circle of hills, which in fall present such an enchanting appearance that it clings to one's memory forever. In this pretty little village this monster operator was born, and here he is called to this day plain Tom Smith, a nickname he got when a baby. It is nothing against Tom that he spent his young days about as other village boys do, and it is nothing against him that he learned the shoemaker's trade and was an excellent workman. It is said there that Tom Smith can make the best "fine" boot of any man in America.

A love scrape, if I am correctly informed, drove him from his hammer and lap-stone, and took him to Buffalo a year or two before the war. While there he attended a course of instruction in one of the "Business Colleges" which were so common then. From this he operated in Buffalo in a small way, going finally to Albany. He could not long remain in such a place, and he turned his eyes toward New York.

His career as a money-maker is without parallel in history. It would be idle to estimate his wealth, for to-day it might be twenty millions, and to-morrow ten. He is called the successor of Jim Fisk, but this is an insult to him. He possesses the same reckless daring, but he brought to his experience a keener and more deliberate judgment and intelligence that Fisk had. Besides, he had none of the "fast" qualities which Fisk possessed. He has no desire to display his wealth ostentatiously; he does not care to build an opera-house that he may have a private box of it as the green-room, and is not likely to run a line of steamers merely to show himself in an Admiral's uniform, nor to show himself at the head of a regiment at the cost of thousands of dollars. He lives as becomes a very wealthy man, and owns a number of the best horses that money can buy merely for his own driving. He has considerable money invested in real estate in his native town, where he has provided handsomely for his father and mother.

MR. DARWIN'S NEW BOOK.

The author of the *Origin of Species* has just issued, under the *imprimatur* of John Murray, what is described by the London papers as a solid and closely-packed volume, on the "Expression of the emotions in man and animals." The following review will give an idea of its general scope and purpose:

"Many writers consider the whole subject of expression as inexplicable. * * * No doubt, as long as man and all other animals are viewed as independent creations, an effectual stop is put to our natural desire to investigate, as far as possible, the cause of expression. By this doctrine, anything and everything can be equally well explained; it has proved as pernicious with respect to expression as to every other branch of natural history. With mankind some expressions, such as the bristling of the hair under the influence of extreme terror, or the uncovering of the teeth under that of furious rage, can hardly be understood, except on the belief that man once existed in a much lower and animal-like condition. The community of certain expressions in distinct though allied species, as in the movements of the same facial muscles during laughter by man and by various monkeys, is rendered comprehensible in a manner intelligible in no other way than by their descent from a common progenitor. He who admits on general grounds that the structure and habits of all animals have been gradually evolved, will look at the whole subject of expression in a new and interesting light. * * *

A little gesture made by sulky children may here be noticed, namely, their showing a cold shoulder. This has a definite meaning, as I believe, from the sleeping both shoulders raised. A cross child, sitting on its parent's knee, will lift up the near shoulder, then jerk it away as if from a caress, and afterward give a backward push with it, as if to push away the offender. I have seen a child, standing at some distance from any one, clearly express its feelings by raising one shoulder, giving it a little backward movement, and then turning away its whole body. * * *

We have seen that the study of the theory of expression confirms to a certain limited extent the conclusion that man is derived from some lower animal form, and supports the belief of the specific or sub-specific unity of the several races; but, as far as my judgment serves, such confirmation was hardly needed. * * *

Weeping is probably the result of some such chain of events as follows: Children, when wanting food, or suffering in any way, cry out loudly, like the young of most other animals, partly as a call to their parents for aid, and partly from any great exertion serving as a relief. Prolonged screaming invariably leads to the gorging of the blood-vessels of the eye, and this will have led, at first consciously, and at last habitually, to the contraction of the muscles round the eyes in order to protect them. At the same time the spasmodic pressure on the surface of the eye and the distention of the vessels within the eye, without necessarily entailing any conscious sensation, will have affected, through reflex action, the lachrymal glands. Finally, through the three principles of nerve-force readily passing along associated channels—the association which is so widely extended in its power—and of certain actions being more under the control of the will than others—it has come to pass that suffering readily causes the secretion of tears, without being necessarily accompanied by any other action. Although in accordance with this view we must look at weeping as an incidental result, as purposeless as the secretion of tears from a blow on the eye, or as a sneeze from irritation of the retina being affected by a bright light, yet this does not present any difficulty in our understanding how the secretion of tears serves as a relief to suffering. And by as much as the weeping is more violent or hysterical, by so much will the relief be greater—on the same principle that the writhing of the whole body, the grinding of the teeth, and the uttering of piercing shrieks all give relief under an agony of pain. * * *

With young children, sulkiness is shown by pouting, or, as it is sometimes called, "making a snout." When the corners of the mouth are much depressed, the lower lip is a little everted and protruded, and this is likewise called a pout. But the pouting nare referred to consists of the protrusion of both lips into a tubular form, sometimes to such an extent as to project as far as the end of the nose, if this be short. Pouting is generally accompanied by frowning, and sometimes by the utterance of a booing or whooing noise. This expression is remarkable, as we know the sole case, as far as I know, which is exhibited much more plainly during childhood, at least with Europeans, than during maturity. There is, however, some tendency to the protrusion of the lips with the adults of all races under the influence of great rage. Some children pout when they are shy, and they can then hardly be called sulky. Pouting sometimes occurs which I have made in several large families, pouting does not seem very common with European children; but it prevails throughout the world, and must be both common and strongly marked with the most savage races, as it has caught the attention of many observers. It has been noticed in eight different districts of Australia, and one of my informants remarked how greatly the lips of the children are there protruded. Two observers have seen pouting with the children of Hindoos; three with those of the Kafirs and Fingoos of South Africa, and with the Hottentots; and two with the children of the wild Indians of North America. Pouting has always been observed with the Chinese, Abyssinians, Malays of Malacca, Dyaks of Borneo, and often with the New Zealanders. Mr. Lansel Weale informs me that he has seen the lips much protruded not only with the children of the Kafirs, but with the adults of both sexes, when sulky; and Mr. Stack has sometimes observed the same thing with the men, and very frequently with the women of New Zealand. A trace of the same expression may occasionally be detected even with adult Europeans. We thus see that the protrusion of the lips, especially with young children, is characteristic of sullenness throughout the greater part of the world. This movement apparently results from the retention, chiefly during youth, of a primordial habit, or from an occasional reversion to it. Young oranga and chimpanzees protrude their lips to an extraordinary degree when they are discontented, somewhat angry, or sulky; also when they are surprised, a little frightened, and even when slightly pleased."

I have endeavored to show in considerable detail that all the chief expressions exhibited by man are the same throughout the world. This fact is interesting as it affords a new argument in favor of the several races being descended from a single parent stock, which must have been almost completely human in structure, and to a large extent in mind, before the period at which the races diverged from each other. No doubt similar structures, adapted for the same purpose, have often been independently acquired through variation and natural selection by distinct species; but this view will not explain close similarity between distinct species in a multitude of unimportant details. Now, if we bear in mind the numerous points of structure having no relation to expression. In which all the races of man closely agree, and then add to them the numerous points, some of the highest importance, and many of the most trifling value, on which the the movement of expression directly or indirectly depend, it seems to me improbable in the highest degree that so much similarity, or, rather, identity of structure, could have been acquired by independent means. Yet this must have been the case if the races of man are descended from several aboriginally distinct species. It is far more probable that the many points of close similarity in the various races are due to inheritance from a single parent-form, which had already assumed a human character.

HARTFORD---CHICAGO---BOSTON.

The Fire Losses at Chicago and Boston --Relative Population and Losses, and Loss Per Capita--Hartford the Heaviest Loser in Proportion.

From the Hartford (Conn.) Courant.

The loss to Hartford insurance offices, net, by the Chicago fire, was about eleven and a half millions of dollars, and by the Boston fire the loss will be about three millions, making fourteen and a half millions by both fires. The two fires differ in character as to local property interests, as a great portion of the building property in Chicago, before the fire, was owned, and probably is still, by non-residents, while in Boston, the property burned is owned there. The loss to Boston, proportionally, is greater than it was to Chicago, so far as local property interests are concerned, and the loss by both fires falls upon Hartford with more severity than upon either of the cities named. In figuring the losses in Chicago and Boston, it must be considered that a large part is restored by the payments of insurance companies, while what Hartford loses is a dead loss. But, supposing that the loss of these two cities was total, without any compensation, and Hartford their presents a proportionate loss, which few people probably have estimated. The population of the three cities and their respective total losses by the two fires are as follows:

	Population.	*Loss.*
Chicago	298,977	$193,000,000
Boston	250,526	50,000,000
Hartford	37,180	14,500,000

Taking the population, which includes every man, woman, and child, in comparison with the total loss by fire, and it appears that the loss *per capita* in Chicago is $645, in Boston $319, and in Hartford $389.

If we deduct the amount of insurance paid to Chicago, saying nothing of the five millions of relief fund, and of the vast amount of outside capital which flowed there to aid in rebuilding, and also the thirty millions probably which Boston will realize out of insurance policies, it will be shown that, so far as actual loss goes, Hartford is a greater sufferer than either city. And yet, notwithstanding this remarkable fact, our existing companies are in sound condition, and our financial interests are far from being in bad shape. Altogether we live in a city that we wouldn't trade for any two in the country. But, after all, it isn't best that these large fires should come too often. We have made a good record so far, and, while it is pleasant to reflect that our credit remains unbroken, and that Hartford is looked to all over the country as being the great reserve for fire losers; yet we have had satisfaction enough, in the way of praises and hard tests, and can now afford to be let alone for a few years to enable a healthy process of recuperation to go on. Give us a reasonable vacation, and then "Bring on your fires."

The Indians of the Central Superintendency.

The following tabular statement exhibits the comparative condition of the Indians of the Central Superintendency for the years 1869 and 1872. It embraces the condensed statistics of the Kickapoos, Kaws, Osages, Quapaws, Peorias, Ottawas, Wyandottes, Senecas, Sacs and Foxes, Absentee Shawnees, Chippewas and Munsees, Cheyennes, Arapahoes, Wichitas, Keechies, Caddoes, Delawares, Kiowas and Comanches, and covers the period of President Grant's first official term. The Superintendent (Enoch Hoag), and the agents for these Indians, were nominated at the request of the President, by the Society of Friends:

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...al to generous and public-spirited friends of ...ersity education to subscribe $200,000 for ... purpose during the next twelve months. ...ny of the constant friends of the University ...est in this vicinity, are thrmselves involved ...e disaster, and are temporarily unable to ...ribute to her necessities. The graduates and ...nds of the University who live at a distance ... Boston, or who for any reason are not seri... affected by the fire, will doubtless bear ...fice in mind. The work of the University ...not been local, but national. The Presidents ...Fellows need only turn to the history of the ...ersity to be inspired with full confidence ... her losses in this catastrophe will be ...ptly repaired, and that now, as in times ... not only the graduates of Harvard, but ... other friends of education, will gladly ...scriptions and remittances may be ad...ssed to ...Thaniel Silsbee, Treasurer of Harvard Col... 112 Washington street, Boston.

CHARLES W. ELIOT, President.

ART.

Unprecedented Display of Foreign Paintings.

From the New Haven Palladium.

...e galleries of the National Academy of De... were opened Monday evening for a private ... of one of the largest and most valu... ...ction of foreign oil paintings ever exhibited ... this country. This collection of pictures is ...portation of Mr. Henry Derby, of this ... associated with the famous art dealers, ...rs. Everard & Co., of Europe. It numbers ...ard of four hundred paintings, and may in ... to embrace almost every name of note ...e known to art on the Continent as well ... any of those of the British Isles.

...e gives an idea of the magnitude of this di... it is only necessary to state that it covers ... the available walls in the Academy, includ... the sculpture room, and exceeds any exhi... ever before given in this specialty. Added ...interest taken in the display also appeared ... great, for at an early hour of the evening ...veral galleries of the institution were ... to overflowing with a throng of ladies and ...emen, which included some of the most ...ect connoisseurs of New York, Boston, and ...neighboring cities, who, if judgment may ...rmed from expression, generally appeared ...nted with the fine character of the display.

...e collection is of a quality to please all, for ...ibrae subjects of so many kinds that ever ...ost critical art collector will find something ... to gratify the taste. The name Bouguereau ... is represented by two superb pictures, a ...r Girl," which was exhibited at the Goupil ...y a few weeks ago, and there attracted the ...est admiration; and a group composed of a ... shepherd seated on a mountain side ...g in his arms a little child, who is repeat... to draw musical notes from a simple pipe ... which he holds to his lips. The painting of ...hild with his bare arms and legs is unqu... and the composition, which is altogether ...and unconventional, attracted great atten... during the evening.

...Hommeur et Patrie" is the title of a brilliant ... by Emile Saintin. It represents a woman ...e beauty, dressed in the garb of mourning ...ing at the gateway of a tomb and in the ... of decorating it with flowers. Her beautiful ...wears an expression of grief, and her at... also expresses the fact that her sorrows ...reat. The subject is finely composed and ...istely painted. The original finished sketch ...is picture, but differing from it in many of ...inor details, was sold in the Chicago col...n.

...ompanion painting to the above work by ... represents an interior of the most brill... ...hamber. It is an interior with the figure ... gorgeously dressed lady seated in ... ...pectation of a coming visitor. Her pose is ...graceful, and a pleasant play of light falls ... her charming face. Every part of this ... is finished in the most realistic manner, ...e superb coloring and other marked features ...excellence was remarked by all visitors on ...ing. Of the other demonstrative works ...d Stevens was represented by companion ...res, an interview with a lady attired in a ...ous crimson velvet robe, and a garden ... with a single figure also. These two works ...plify this great master's best style in draw... ...d tone and masterly method of coloring ... ...ovince by several fine examples, one ... companion works, one showing ... standing in a richly-furnished drawing... in the act of embroidering, and the other ...e illustrating a similar scene, only the lady ...e instances is playing the mandoline. Both ...res are beautiful in color and finish; and ...by an interior with the full-length figure of ... leaning for support on the back of a chair ...n deep meditation. This picture, in senti... is expressive of sadness, a vein of which ...through all of the recent works from the ... of this admirable painter; A. Bubb by ...eaye with cattle, painted in the highest ... of landscape art and brilliant in color and ...ffects of light and shade. This artist paints ...from life, as all will admit who study the ...g qualities of this picture; and Gustave de ...he by an interior which fairly glows with ...and color, with the figure of a lady seated ...playing with a parrot and a little girl kneel... beside her. There are also two pictures ...ngs of this artist in the collection. Charles ...is represented by the full-length figure of ...maiden reclining upon a mossy bank in the ... It is particularly graceful in composi... and light and pleasant in tone. A picture ...is size by Chaplin is rarely seen in a collec... in this country. Figures A. Cot in a large and ...ant subject, representing the French ...m of lighting up the headstones in the ...teries at evening. In the foreground is ...ife-size figure of a widowed mother holding ...rtling infant in her arms, and by her side ...e girl in the act of applying a light to the ...tern which hangs from the cross at the ...t of the grave. In the distance, here and ... among the graves, many lights appear. ...picture is beautiful in tone and very ex...ive in sentiment; and Ch. Landelle by the ...e of an "Italian Girl," brilliantly costumed ...strong and effective in coloring. ...g the other fine pictures are a ...ait of a lady by Schlight," by Herzog of Dus... ...f; figure of a baked child holding a ...ng-jack, very brilliant in color, by Lobr... ...; a cabinet interior with figures, which ...the best efforts of Meissonnier, by Chas. ...; an interior with lady and dog, by Florent ...ns, painted in 1837, and representing the ...period of this accomplished artist; a ...rkable scene by candlelight, a characteris... ...ork by the late Pierre Van Schendel; a sta... ...cene of rare brilliancy of color and in whi... figures are beautifully drawn, ...; "A Persian Mother and Child," by ...e Dell' Acqua; an interior in which the ...ful figure of a lady is the work of ...Goupil, and the various objects of still ...ch which she is surrounded are by David ...; a humorous scene, showing a group ...unken soldiers at the door of an inn; by ...; and a beautifully touched interior ...the figure of a woman reading the Bible, by ...e Van Bremen.

...e collection also embraces eighty-five ... ...s by Eug. Verboeckhoven, and others by ...t, Isabey, Escosura, Nichel, E. Duchet, ...rt, Achenbach, Hasenclever, Pecrus, Plas... Duverger, Meissonnier, Maria Brillouin, ...ta Nerrari, Corlazzo, Emile Levy, Rich... ...lma Tadema, Paulsen, Bougniet, Perrault, ... Kock-Kock, and a hundred others equally ...ent.

The Tobacco Crop in Connecticut.

From the New Haven Palladium.

...e tobacco crop of 1872, from the time of ... until now, has met with a series of fa... unprecedented. The ravages of the cut... ...e threatening its entire destruction and ...ma cakes actually succeeding; the terrific ...storm accompanied by a severe wind that ...ed frosts in some localities; the early frost, ...till greater loss by pole-rot and sweating, ...fficient proofs of the uncertainty of culti... the weed, and yet in despite all these dis... ...coming results, this finest crop of tobacco ...raised in Connecticut Valley is now in some ...s in the hands of the strippers. Talks ...s in the hands of the strippers. Talks ...of 1864, which was very fine, that of the ... growth is much superior both in regard to ...and texture. All through the valley there ...to be but one opinion in regard to the ...ty, evenness of color. All across ...the entire crop is of that pale ...scarcely sought after by buyers ...cinnamon. Last season tobacco of ...olor brought extremely high prices. Now, ...almost all Connecticut seed leaf of this ..., who can doubt that good prices will be ...ed? Much can be said in regard to the ...se of this year's tobacco, nearly every ...ve of it being extremely fine ...speaking of it as being extremely fine ...silky. It has none of that harsh, rough ...ng, so common with tobacco of a leaf color ...is doubtless owing, in part, to the quick ...th of the plants. Indeed, it seems to ...ing finer could be raised than many lots we ... examined, and all seem confident that the ... growth will increase its demand for Con... ...mi seed leaf, not only at home, but abroad. ...illess a much finer grade of tobacco will be ...ed this year than last, as the crop is in all ...ects much better, and consequently qualities ...will command the very highest prices. Al... buyers are scrupulously anxious for the prop... ...rown upon the market, and doubtless the ...o and expecting to pay good prices for the ...es, while poorer qualities will no doubt ...e much larger prices than was at first sup...

CAUSES OF CRIME.

Report of the Committee of Five to the Committee of Fifteen.

Causes that Predispose to or Favor the Commission of Crime.

King Alcohol at the Bottom of All Sin.

A Mass of Statistics Presented to Sustain the Assertion.

Meeting of the Committee of Seventy.

COMMITTEE OF FIFTEEN.

The Committee of Five, appointed at the meeting held in the Board of Trade rooms, in Farwell Block, Sept. 26, to report on the causes of crime, have concluded their labors, and yesterday submitted their report to the Committee of Fifteen. The document is subjoined:

THE REPORT.

A clear appreciation of those causes that predispose to, or favor the commission of, crimes, is of great importance to the welfare and prosperity of any community. Reasonable security to life, health, and property is essential alike to public order and individual happiness. The frequency with which crimes have been committed, and especially those involving personal violence, during the last few years, has justly awakened the attention of all classes of the community. The real causes of crimes are divisible into two classes, viz.: those that predispose to or prepare the way, by inducing such a mental development or condition as is capable of being incited to criminal acts; and those which, acting on such mental predisposition, more directly induce the commission of crime. The first may be termed *predisposing* and the second *exciting* causes. To the first belong neglect and

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or education of children; the reading of an obscene, immoral, and imaginative literature; neglect to inculcate and enforce obedience and respect for existing laws, both in the family circle and the community at large; and especially the tolerance of open and constant violations of law by large classes of the community. To the second, or class of direct exciting causes, belong all those social customs by which members of individuals are brought together at late hours of the night or on the Sabbath, without any accompanying moral restraint, and the use of such drinks as have the power to influence human passions and diminish the controling influences of reason and conscience. Of all the customs of a social character favoring

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at unseasonable hours, and beyond the restraining influences of either the family circle or the church, which has become almost universal, is that of keeping liquor saloons open a large part of the night and all the Sabbath; thus affording a convenient rendezvous alike for the unwary laborer after his hours of toil, the idle, the victims of a vicious appetite, the ignorant, and the designedly vicious. If it were conceded that alcoholic drinks are legitimate articles of, trade and commerce, there can be no good reason why those who traffic in them should not conform to the same customs as regulate all other traffics, and close their places of business at a suitable hour in the evening, and keep them closed on the day recognized as the Sabbath.

A RIGID AND CAREFUL EXAMINATION

will show that, if these places were simply closed at the times just indicated, thereby depriving the sad elements of the community of a convenient place of meeting, it alone would diminish the number of crimes in any given community nearly 100 per cent. But, of all the direct existing causes of crime, alcoholic drinks, by their power to excite the passions and impair the control of reason and conscience, stand out pre-eminent and all-important. This will appear more distinctly by the presentation of a few well-authenticated statistical facts.

More than twenty-five years since, a gentleman of talent and reliable character visited all the prisons, jails, and poorhouses in the State of New York, and personally examined the inmates, and, as far as practicable, ascertained the causes of the crimes committed by the prisoners, and of the causes which had led to the poverty of the paupers. The results were published, giving the number of prisoners and paupers in each county in the State. To allude to these figures in detail would be unnecessarily tedious. It is sufficient to say that they showed four-fifths of the criminals to have been brought to the commission of their criminal acts by

THE USE OF ALCOHOLIC DRINKS;

and that three-fourths of the paupers were made such directly or indirectly by the same agents. The results thus obtained in New York a quarter of a century ago, have been fully confirmed by every examination of the jails and prisons, as well as of the records of the Criminal Courts, in that State either in this or in other civilized countries. Thus, within the last three years, Dr. Elisha Harris, than whom a more careful and reliable observer cannot be found, after an official inspection of several of the prisons in New York, stated that 80 per cent of all the criminals he found had been made such by the use of intoxicating drinks. If we pass from the jails and prisons to the Police Stations, Bridewells, and Houses of Correction, we shall find the results pointing in the same direction.

THUS, IN OUR CITY,

in 1871, the police arrests were 26,448, of which 13,767 were either for drunkenness, disorderly conduct, or assaults, and, of course, directly traceable to the influence of alcoholic drinks, and the same ratio holds good for any number of years, and for all the cities and towns where the sale of these drinks is unrestrained.

The President of our Board of Police Commissioners, on the 30th of September last, said, "nine-tenths of the crime is brought about by drunkenness." In 1868, the Prohibitory Liquor law having been repealed, Massachusetts passed the year under the system of licensing. The commitments to the State Prison during nine months of the year 1868 were 148, while during the same part of the previous year, while the prohibitory law was in force, the number was only 50. The Warden of the Massachusetts State Prison reports the number of prisoners, Sept. 30, 1863, at 534; and he adds in his report that "four-fifths of them committed the crimes for which they were sentenced either directly or indirectly under the influence of intoxicating drinks." The State Board of Charities, in their report, say: "The returns show that from 60 to 80 per cent of our criminals are intemperate."

VARIOUS REPORTS.

The Suffolk County Grand Jury, in a report, stated that 75 out of 80 cases before them were traced to the use of intoxicating drinks.

W. J. Mullen, Prison Agent in Philadelphia, reported 44,169 arrests in a single year; and the records of the Courts show that three-fourths of these arose "solely from the use of intoxicating liquors."

A Grand Jury in New York City, not long since, reported: We find, with very few exceptions, that the crimes charged have their origin in resorts and dens of infamy where intoxicating liquors are sold and drunk." Another Grand Jury in the same city reported: "Nearly all the cases of murder which have been investigated, have been found to spring from the use of intoxicating drinks."

During the year ending April 5, 1873, there were 94,574 arrests in the city of New York, and of these 58,185 are under the head of drunk and disorderly. There were 57 arrests for murder and manslaughter, 48 of which were ascribed to the use of whiskey. Indeed, a large part of the accused entered the plea of intoxication in extenuation of their crime and guilt. The Sheriff of Albany County, New York, reports eight-tenths of the crimes coming under his jurisdiction as traceable to liquor. The same reports have been made in Dutchess, Erie and Niagara Counties; and the Police Court Clerk of Buffalo reports the same proportion.

John Morris, the State Agent of the Michigan Penitentiary at Jackson, when asked recently by a member of a committee from this city, what proportion of prisoners sent there since he had been in office had committed the crimes for which they were sentenced while under the influence of liquor, replied with emphasis: "I cannot put my hand upon the first one who has not come here through the direct or indirect influence of intoxicating drinks."

"Even so long ago as the days of Sir Mathew Hale, the same state of things existed. After twenty-four years' experience on the bench, he said; "If all the murders, manslaughters, burglaries, riots, tumults, and other enormities committed in England were represented by five parts, four parts, beyond dispute, would be due to intemperance."

OUR OWN STATE'S ATTORNEY.

Charles H. Reed, Esq., states that the liquor saloons were effectually shut up on Sunday last, his criminal business would be diminished 60 per cent.

A careful examination of a list of about one hundred murders and manslaughters committed in this city and county during the last seven years, shows that in 75 cases of the 100 resulted from the influence of alcoholic liquors.

The connection of liquor with prostitution is notorious. A report made by Dr. Sanger, resident physician at Blackwell's Island, shows that "of 2,000 prostitutes there, 1,641 were drunkards as well." It is said that the wretched creatures could not live without drink. It was all that kept them from suicide. "The 2,000 fallen women were made so in this wise: 1,459 had drunken fathers, and 1,125 drunken mothers." Liquor awakened half the licentiousness in men. In Portland, Maine, where liquor was prohibited, there was not a single open house of ill-fame.

SO WE MIGHT MULTIPLY FACTS

in relation to every species of crime drawn from the police and judicial records of every civilized country; but the sameness of the recital would only weary the reader, without imparting additional forces to the conclusions.

There is, however, another aspect in which statistical comparisons will show results so fully corroborative of the foregoing that we will briefly indicate it. By a careful comparison of the amount of liquor consumed in different States or counties relative to the population as shown by revenue and census returns, with the number of police and criminal arrests in the same States, as shown by the Police and Court records, it is found that the latter hold a remarkably close direct ratio to the former, and that in some States and municipalities, where the consumption of alcoholic drinks varies, one year from another, the number and magnitude of crimes varies in the same ratio.

TAKE EXAMPLES

from Ireland, which all are well authenticated: Beesbrook, County Armagh, a linen factory town of 4,000 inhabitants, had no grog shop pawn office, no police, no paupers, no prisoners. The proprietor, Mr. John Grubb Richardson, of the Society of Friends, would not allow a licensed house in the town, and all the best results followed from this prohibition. About 60 square miles of the County Tyrone were free from licensed grogshops. Mr. J. R. Tener, the owner, of the property, had prohibited the drink traffic in the district. Crime and pauperism had been decreased thereby, and the police actually removed from their barracks in that district, as not being further required.

It has been the custom to prohibit distillation in Ireland after a poor harvest. This does not prevent, but greatly reduces the consumption of intoxicating drinks.

RESULTS.

Six years of ordinary drinking—1834 to 1839 inclusive—first-class crimes, 26,330. Six years' restricted drinking—1840 to 1845 inclusive—first-class crimes, 13,170—a reduction of one-half.

Other serious crimes during the six years of ordinary drinking numbered 64,520; during the six years of restricted drinking, 47,092.

It is added in the parliamentary report that, in several counties during the period of restricted drinking, there happened the unprecedented circumstance of the presentation of *white gloves* to the Judges, which is done only when there are no criminals to be tried.

MORE FIGURES.

In 1854, when the duty was 3s. 4d., and 4s., the consumption was 8,440,754 gallons, and 73,783 persons were imprisoned. In 1855, the duty was 4s. 6d., and 6s. 9d., and the consumption was 6,228,856 gallons, and the number of persons imprisoned 54,431; thus *verifying* the maxim that, as are the facilities for obtaining strong drink, so is the proportionate drunkenness, pauperism, and crime of the people.

OTHER EXAMPLES.

The example of Vineland, New Jersey, has been frequently referred to. Here is a city of 12,000 inhabitants, not very remote from New York or Philadelphia, where entire prohibition of the traffic in intoxicating drinks has been enforced from the beginning. The result is an almost absolute absence of pauperism and crime. The entire police force of the city consists of one civil constable, and the expense to the public only $75 a year, or about 6c to every 1,000 inhabitants. In Chicago it costs $2,000 a year to each 1,000 inhabitants, and crime in all grades is constant, and very much above this large expenditure.

Noble County, Ohio, presented a clean criminal record for two years, in consequence of the sale of intoxicating liquors being wholly excluded.

The Dover (N. H.) *Inquirer*, speaking of the operation of the Prohibitory law of that State in 1856, says: "The jail, which has usually a good supply of tenants, has been entirely empty for several weeks." The same was said of the jail in Stafford County.

The New Hampshire *Journal*, about the same time, said: "The law works admirably in all parts of the State. Pauperism and crime are almost unknown."

L. Underwood, Esq., State's Attorney of Chittenden County, Ill., said: "The law has put an end to drunkenness and crime almost entirely."

The Grand Jury of the same county, in July, 1853, expressed gratification that the jail was without inmates, and ascribed the fact to the operation of the Prohibitory law.

The Mayor of Providence, R. I., said: "After the law had been in operation three months, I published statistics showing that the law in that short time had made a reduction of nearly 60 per cent in the number of our committals."

Governor Dutton, of Connecticut, said; "Under the law, criminal prosecutions are rapidly diminishing."

The Hartford *Home Journal*, of July 7, 1855, said: "The Maine Liquor law has ruined the jail business completely. The jail at Wyndham is to be let for a boarding-house."

In Bangor, Me., the number of public prosecution the year before the law, 101; first year of the law, 53.

At the term of the District Court of Portland, in March, before the law, there were 17 indictments; in the March after the law but 1, and that petit larceny.

During the brief existence of the prohibitory law in New York, in the year 1855, the following results were secured: Commitments for criminal offences in four counties and five cities in 1854, 4,960; in 1855, 2,890; difference in favor of the prohibition year, 2,062.

In Edwards County, in this State, where the traffic has been excluded for years, the criminal calendar has been a blank, while in an adjoining county of about equal population, allowing license, the Court was engaged for three weeks in trying criminal cases.

EVANSTON.

If you want a local fact go and live in Evanston a month, and then in Bridgeport, and you will soon discover the difference between prohibition and license in the matter of producing crime. The facts here produced, or those of a similar nature, might be extended almost indefinitely; but enough has been given to establish the axiom in this country, quoted with reference to England, that the crimes of a people are proportioned to the facilities of obtaining intoxicating beverages.

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J. O. BRAYMAN,
H. W. THOMAS,
C. D. HELMER.

CHICAGO, Nov. 20, 1872.

COMMITTEE OF SEVENTY.

The Committee of Seventy held their first meeting since the election, at the office of the Temperance Bureau, on Adams street, last evening. Mr. Meyers occupied the chair.

A proposition to establish a library and amusement room in the Sixth Ward was favorably considered, and a committee appointed to secure a suitable room and put it in order for the reception of those who chose to avail themselves of the use of the books.

After transacting a large amount of miscellaneous business and receiving the reports of the standing committees, which contained nothing of importance to the public, the committee proceeded to discuss

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of providing funds to carry out their object. All were in favor of continuing the work of prosecuting liquor dealers who violated the laws, and, although no practical plan for raising money was agreed upon, the gentlemen thought they would be able to secure all the funds they needed.

RESOLUTIONS.

The subjoined resolutions, adopted by the Young Men's Christian Association of St. Paul, were presented by M. C. Kelley, the Manager of the Temperance Bureau, and placed on file.

WHEREAS, An effort to [illegible]

by the friends of religion, temperance, and reform, to have the city ordinances closing the tippling and beer saloons on the Sabbath strictly enforced; and

WHEREAS, Those in favor of destroying all the legal safeguards now thrown around the religious observance of our Christian Sabbath are banded together with those engaged in the sale of liquor to prevent the successful enforcement of the ordinances in question; therefore

Resolved, That we are believers in the remit of the effort with the most intense interest, believing that, as a first case, its influence for good or evil will be felt everywhere; and

Resolved, That, believing it to be the duty of all Christians, both as individuals and members of Christian organizations, to encourage and aid those engaged in the work by every means in their power, we do hereby express our admiration for the earnest manner in which the effort has been made, and our entire sympathy with its object, and our fervent prayer for its success.

REMARKS OF MR. KELLEY.

Mr. Kelley said these resolutions showed how the work of the Committee is watched by the people in other cities, and the friends of the temperance cause had reason to congratulate themselves upon the success which had thus far attended the efforts of the Committee. The State's Attorney of Cook County had said that the docket of the Criminal Court for the present month was smaller than it had been for five years previously; that of the September term were larger than it had ever been for any month before; and that he believed the diminution of crime was largely due to the enforcement of the Sunday law, there having been an almost total absence of any of the most violent crimes since the provisions of the ordinance were carried out.

The Committee then adjourned.

THE LAW COURTS.

NOTES OF INTEREST.

In the South Park Cook condemnation case, counsel for the Commissioners yesterday addressed the jury as to the valuation, and urged them to consider that if the Commissioners had paid for the 360 acres of higher land at the rate asked for this it would have cost not less than $3,000,000; more than they could have raised. The land was made valuable by reason of the park being made, and 1,000 acres taken out of the market. The earth in itself was of no fixed value, but a fixed value was obtained by the use it was put to, as in this case, where 360 acres of land, almost valueless as swamp, would become worth $3,000,000 if paid for at the rate that was afterward paid for the contiguous property. The value of which had thus been increased. The value of Mrs. Cook's land was the value at the time of the condemnation; it was preposterous to think of paying for it at the enhanced value of the improved contiguous property.

An intelligent jury yesterday returned a verdict finding $2,500 damages for an assault, where only $300 were claimed, on the suit, Kalb *vs.* O'Brien. The Judge smiled incredulously as he read the verdict, and the Clerk held the document up to the light as though he suspected a bank-note with a water-mark; but there was no doubt at all about it. The intelligent jury had recorded their finding for $2,500, and no less.

In the case of one of the parties indicted by the Grand Jury, as reported in yesterday's TRIBUNE, Leo Cauman, the defendant, Oscar Lemon, Mitch and Felix Mischa, yesterday entered into recognizances in $3,000, for the appearance of the defendant, from day to day.

A jury is ordered for 10 o'clock this morning, to try the question of alleged fraud in the application of Hiram R. Roberts, to be discharged under the Insolvency act, from arrest under a judgment in favor of Christian Landgrave.

In the matter of H Hedge, a bankrupt, an order was made, yesterday, on the petition of Charles R. Davie, directing the assignee to give up certain goods and chattels specified in the schedule, and belonging to said Davie.

Jacob Frein yesterday commenced suit against the Michigan Central Railroad Company, damages in $50,000, for injuries to the dead, Jacob Miller, administrator of the estate of A. T. Miller, deceased, also begun an action against the same for $5,000.

Mr. Joseph Pollok, Clerk elect of the County Court, yesterday presented his commission to the Court, and it was ordered in the usual form, to be spread of record.

Register Hibbard had nothing to do yesterday, speaking comparatively, and was able to take a breathing spell, and look up arrears. There were no bankruptcy examinations.

In the matter of James Baxter, in bankruptcy, the order of dismissal was yesterday made absolute.

THE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT.

[Judge Blodgett.]

LAW—673—Haugh v. Woodruff et al.; parties by attorneys and jury, cause again. 674—United States v. M. S. Smith et al.; dismissed by plaintiff's attorney. 641—Kimball v. officer, et al.; judgment satisfied in open court. 649—Same v. officer; same. 718—Parsons v. Green; demurrer overruled, and leave to reply double.

CHANCERY—641—Weld v. Commercial Insurance Company; referred to Henry Bishop, Master, to take proof. 347—Walker v. Wentworth; decree to be entered as prepared.

NEW SUITS.

Wm. Vocke, Assignee of the Germania Insurance Company, v. Wm. Cyrus; assumpsit, $2,000. Rosenthal & Fence, attorneys.

THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.

[Judge Blodgett.]

LAW—357—Fardy v. brig Rosclus; costs to be paid; to be dismissed. United States v. Leo Cauman; recognizances ordered into to appear to-day.

BANKRUPTCY.—3,051—H. O. Hodges; entered order. 1,730—Charles Wagner, Sr.; order of dismissal made absolute, no objections having been filed. 2,944—Michael Gropper; rule to show cause extended to Dec. 4. 2,133—James Baxter; order of dismissal made absolute. 2,184—Thomas O'Donovan; same as 2,133. 2,130—H. K. Hubbard; entered order under Section 26.

NEW BANKRUPT—John Smith, 562 South Canal street, on the petition of Phillips & Co., and Solomon Lederman; claim, transfer of property, and salary. Lebrecht & Co. whilst insolvent; L. E. Hodge, attorney.

NEW SUITS.

3,556—John Davison, grocer; active; material, $194.66; W. H. Condon, proctor. 3,557—H. Channon *v.* Same; supplies, $237.12; same proctor.

THE SUPERIOR COURT.

[Judge Gary.]

LAW—2,605—Alston v. Rowell; on motion of plaintiff, dismissed as to all but J. S. Rowell; default against, $365.95 *v.* him only. 2,306—Thayer & Tobey Furniture Company *v.* Seelye; on motion of defendant, deposition of Kinsley suppressed. 2,132—Bowman and Langren; submitted to Court; finding for plaintiff, damages $264.45 and judgment. 3,525—Durand *v.* Murphy; dismissed by plaintiff's attorney. 2,154—McHugh *v.* Kardwell; same. ——Fred. Fischer *v.* Hy. Schmidt; same. 2,155—Same *v.* James A. Clybourn; same. 2,156—Same *v.* Same; same. 2,157—Same *v.* Same; same. 2,158—Same *v.* Same; same. 2,159—Same *v.* Same; same. 2,160—Same *v.* Same; same. 2,161—Same *v.* Same; same. 2,162—Same *v.* Same; same. 2,163—Same *v.* Same; same. 2,164—Same *v.* Same; same. 2,165—Same *v.* Same; same. 2,166—Same *v.* Same; same. 2,167—Same *v.* Same; same. 2,168—Same *v.* Same; same. 2,169—Same *v.* Same; same. 2,170—Same *v.* Same; same. 2,171—Same *v.* Same; same. 2,172—Same *v.* Same; same. 2,173—Same *v.* Same; same. 2,174—Same *v.* Same; same. 2,175—Same *v.* Same; same. 2,176—Same *v.* Same; same. 2,177—Same *v.* Same; same. 2,178—Same *v.* Same; same. 2,179—Same *v.* Same; same. 2,180—Same *v.* Same; same. 2,181—Same *v.* Same; same. 2,182—Same *v.* Same; same. 2,183—Same *v.* Same; same. 2,184—Same *v.* Same; same. 2,185—Same *v.* Same; same. 2,186—Same *v.* Same; same. 2,187—Same *v.* Same; same. 2,188—Same *v.* Same; same. 2,189—Same *v.* Same; same. 2,190—Same *v.* Same; same. 2,191—Same *v.* Same; 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The Chicago Tribune.

Friday Morning, November 22, 1872.

The reported resignation of President Thiers and election of Marshal MacMahon, was a fabrication, originating in New York. MacMahon, it is said, refuses to accept the Presidency in the event of Thiers' resignation.

One of the Brothers Browles, who have been doing business in Europe as "American Bankers," and have failed, has been arrested in London, charged by an Italian banker with the fraudulent conversion of securities.

Aid is to be sought from the General Government for the improvement of the Ohio River. A memorial was adopted by the Ohio River Improvement Convention, before its adjournment, asking Congress to appropriate two millions from the National Treasury for the work. The ground on which the States interested ask for help is, that they contain 35 per cent of the population, yield 45 per cent of the produce, and pay one-third of the revenue, of the nation.

The Buffalo Board of Trade has unanimously recommended that the Erie and Oswego Canals be made seventy feet wide and seven deep, with double locks west of Syracuse, and that the former should be made navigable from the Buffalo River to the Lower Black Rock. They ask the Legislature to pass a bill, drafted by the New York Chamber of Commerce, which will put at the disposal of the State sufficient funds to improve the canal, and make it as nearly a free canal as possible.

Concerning the desperate situation in which yesterday's news placed 800 tracklayers on the Winona & St. Peter Railroad, its Assistant Superintendent declares that the men are in no danger whatever, as the snowfall has been light, and they are within easy distance of some of the richest granaries and stock farms of Minnesota. He confesses to anxiety about their supplies, not because he fears starvation, but because, if not well fed as usual, they will quit work and endanger his contract.

Pennsylvania is extensively engaged in the pardoning business. The Governor having released the notorious scoundrel and convicted murderer, Mara, together with Yerkes, the President has now extended the Executive clemency to Mr. Percy B. Spear, a gentlemanly forger. Mr. Spear was appointed Indian Agent some time ago. He required bonds, and, not being able to procure genuine ones, he offered a spurious article in which he had forged the names of a number of gentlemen of large wealth. Mr. Percy B. Spear became a martyr and went to the Penitentiary, where he remained till after the Presidential election.

Messrs. Flint, Thompson & Co. have authorized a statement that, at the close of the month of November, they will have the grain in their warehouses weighed, and an account taken of their outstanding receipts. They ask that the Board of Trade and Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners will be represented at such examination and weighing. The Messrs. Buckingham, Armour, Dole & Co., and other proprietors of elevators will probably adopt the same course. Had such proceedings been the rule during the last few years, the extraordinary transactions that have disgraced the warehouse business during that period would have been impossible.

Among the very first reformatory measures brought before the Constitutional Convention of Pennsylvania, which has completed its organization and begun its deliberations, is the regulation of the pardoning power, and the appointment of a Council, as in New Jersey, to act with the Governor in the matter. Other propositions extend the terms of Governor, State Representatives, and Senators, with biennial sessions of the Legislature, prohibit appropriations to charitable or educational uses, make attendance at public schools compulsory, and authorize juries to render verdicts in case of the agreement of two-thirds of their number.

Members of the Extreme Left of the French Assembly support Gambetta in demanding the dissolution of the present Assembly as the only remedy for the difficulties that beset the administration of the Government. A more moderate policy is accepted by the Left Centre, which unanimously advocates the appointment of a Committee of Thirty to frame a scheme of Constitutional Government for France, the extension of President Thiers' term four years longer, the addition of a Vice President, the creation of a second Chamber, and the enforcement of Ministerial responsibility.

Aside from the evil predisposition which many criminals receive with their blood, or from their early associations, there is, in the opinion of the Sub-Committee of Five appointed by the Committee of Fifteen, no cause which so directly excites to crime as the indulgence in intoxicating drink. Widespread statistics are cited to support their conclusion that the crimes of a people are in proportion to their facilities for becoming intoxicated, and they assert that, if the liquor traffic were properly regulated, there would be a diminution of nearly 100 per cent in the number of crimes.

The stringency of the money market, which is unabated, is not exceptional in the case of Chicago. In New York, prime commercial paper sells at 1 per cent per month, and, according to the New York papers, is hard to sell at that. In Philadelphia, first-class business paper cannot be negotiated outside of banks for less than 1 to 1½ per cent per month. In all the chief commercial cities, the banks are scantily supplied with loanable funds, their deposits have diminished, and their loans are high. Notwithstanding the large crops, high freights have left the producers little to pay debts or buy more goods with. The expansion of credit also, by which useless railroads have been built and trade stimulated, seems to have reached its maximum tension, and the natural reaction has begun.

Mr. Douglass, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, claims that the entire discontinuance of the Assessors' departments is feasible, and that all the business which is now transacted by them can be done by the Collectors, with their assistance. He professes to believe that $4,000,000 revenue will be saved which would otherwise be lost in carrying out the plan of limitation set forth by a law of Congress passed during the last session; and that his plan would dispense with 230 Assessors, and 1,300 assistants, costing the Government $3,000,000 annually. If the increased expenses of the Collectors' department, under his system, should be $1,000,000 annually, the change would thus save $6,000,000 to the Government for the first year, and $2,000,000 every year after. It is entirely reasonable to suppose that one organization would cover the field of assessing and collecting, and it would dispense with one set of chiefs, delegating their work to less expensive subordinates.

In reading all descriptive accounts of the inmates of insane asylums, it is a natural comment that vanity is the most fruitful source of all mental aberration. In the asylum on Blackwell's Island, one inmate is a religious enthusiast, who believes that the Supreme Being visits him and confers with him every night; another imagines himself a great military man, and dresses always in the fatigue uniform of a United States soldier; here is a Duke, there Queen Elizabeth; and a sailor, who had been a pirate, has now become an Admiral. The same tendency to greatness or distinction is found to prevail among the inmates of lunatic asylums everywhere, and no circumstance could illustrate more fully the general vanity of mankind. It is probable that, in most cases, the insanity may be traced to some other cause than that of vanity,—some great grief, disappointment, or physical suffering,—but, once insane, vanity is the ruling passion. It would probably be a good course of mental discipline for sane people to study out what particular vanity they would be apt to develop if they should become insane.

The Chicago produce markets were moderately active yesterday, and prices averaged higher. Pork was quiet and steady at $13.00@13.25 cash, $12.25@12.40 seller December, and $12.25 seller January. Lard was in good demand and firmer at 7¾@7¾c cash or seller December, and 7¾c seller January. Meats were steady at 4¾c for part salted shoulder; 6¼c for do short ribs; and 6¾@6¾c for do short clear. Highwines were steady and more active at 89c per gallon. Lake freights were dull and 1c lower, at 10c for corn and 11c for wheat, by sail to Buffalo. Flour was active and firmer. Wheat was active, and 2¼c higher, closing firm at $1.12 cash, $1.11¾ seller December, and $1.12¾ seller January. Corn was moderately active and ¼c higher, closing firm at 32½c seller the month, and 32c seller December. Oats were dull and steady at 23¼c seller the month, and 23¼@23¾c seller November. Rye was quiet at ¼c advance, at 55@55¼c. Barley was dull, declining 3c, and closed weak at 65c cash and 64c seller the month. Hogs were in good demand at yesterday's prices, or at $4.00@4.25. Cattle remain dull, and prices further declined. Sheep were unchanged.

The action of the Chicago Aid and Relief Society, in sending a messenger to Washington to dun the authorities of that District for an unpaid balance of the subscription made by them a year ago, is attracting attention in many other places. Acting upon the impulse of strong sympathy, many cities and towns made subscriptions which afterwards were found to have been illegal, because of a want of power to do so. In some of these cases part of the money was forwarded. When the announcement was made that Chicago had enough to enable her to support those made destitute by the fire, these unpaid or partly paid subscriptions were dropped. It is not now pretended that the Relief and Aid Society want these unpaid subscriptions to meet any destitution here because of our fire. The money is needed to enable the Society to pay its own subscription to Boston. The Governor and other authorities of the District of Columbia have a very large and extremely destitute population to take care of every winter, and we suppose there are not many of our citizens who do not regret the demand that the Relief and Aid Society has made upon that District. The subscription of that District, however, was made subject to the demand of the Mayor and the City Government of Chicago, and it is not likely that the Mayor of this city will ever, under the circumstances, make the demand for the unpaid balance. They money already received from the District of Columbia amounted to a munificent charity, and to treat their promise to give more as a contract will hardly meet with public favor.

It is now understood that the good people of Boston do not stand in need of any relief; that the wealth of that great city is amply able to provide for the comparatively few persons rendered destitute by the fire, and it looks unpleasant to be using the subscriptions for Boston as a pretext for dunning other cities for their unpaid subscriptions to Chicago. As neither Chicago nor Boston stands in need of any further relief in that form, it would be well to let all further proceedings drop.

THE ABSTRACT BOOKS.

The Legislature, at its last session, authorized the Cook County Commissioners to borrow $1,500,000, which amount will carry the county debt up to the extreme point allowed by the Constitution. This is the whole sum out of which the county is to build the new Court House, new Jail, and meet all other extraordinary expenditures incidental to or resulting from the fire, as well as to meet all the new expenditures for additional public works. A portion of the members of the Board of County Commissioners propose to pay $750,000 of this money to the owners of the abstract books; that is to say, they propose to issue to them bonds bearing 7 per cent interest, and running 20 years, to the amount of $750,000. In other words, the proposition is to pay these abstract owners $52,500 annually for 20 years, and then at the end of that time $750,000 more. A year has intervened since the fire, and in that time the owners of these books have had full time and opportunity to duplicate all their entries. For all practical purposes, so far as their business is concerned, they are now prepared to stand over the first copy of their entries, and go on as usual with their business with the second copies. In point of fact, by retaining a copy of these books, they merely furnish the county a copy,—being the first one made by them. Their books are not original papers. Their books contain entries made by them, copied or taken from the original records. The original records are destroyed. Having duplicated their books, they sell the first copy to the county, and for this demand the enormous sum of $750,000. Should the Board of Commissioners be weak enough to vote any such sum, or even half that sum, we trust there is courage enough in the Judges to veto any such action.

"LAMP-POST JUSTICE."

It sounds strangely enough to hear of the New York *Evening Post*, of all journals, suggesting "a few doses of lamp-post justice" as the only adequate means for checking the riot of murder in that city. Such a suggestion, coming from such a source, is a striking indication of the recklessness of human life which has followed the failure to enforce the legal punishment. It is stated that the murderers' cells in the Tombs are overcrowded with criminals, whose trials have been delayed by technicalities or postponed by favoritism. New inmates present themselves every few days. It is not now considered worth while to attempt an escape from arrest. Scanlan, who murdered Donahue two or three weeks ago, and King, who has just murdered O'Neil, gave themselves up without a struggle. Their murderous acts were committed in such a manner as to betray a complete indifference to the law of capital punishment. They evidently believed, with a Chicago murderer of some years back, that "hanging is played out." When Foster, the brutal street-car assassin, can drag out the slow process of justice until public indignation has subsided, and the murderer of Fisk can live on champagne and fried oysters in the confidence of acquittal, it seems to be pretty well established that murders of high and low degree are to be equally treated with immunity from justice. Recent exercise of the Executive clemency, in New York and elsewhere, has also increased the murderer's confidence in escape. In New York, murderers and abortionists have received Executive clemency or new trials after clear conviction; in Pennsylvania, a scoundrel named Mara, twice guilty of murder, has been twice pardoned; in Illinois, new trials were granted to two convicted murderers, while another man convicted of two murders, and sentenced to be hanged, was allowed to go unhanged. These are some of the facts which make up the chain of circumstances that has led the New York *Post* to suggest the application of Lynch law, and the New York *Tribune*, which has been opposed to capital punishment, to say that, while hanging is the punishment prescribed, it is necessary for the good of society that murderers should be hanged.

It is not difficult to comprehend that the neglect to enforce the laws, resulting in the wanton increase of murder everywhere throughout the land, should tempt such moderate men and moderate journals to think of taking the execution of the law into their own hands. A calmer consideration of the results, however, quickly shows the unwisdom of such a proceeding. It is not necessary to argue the matter on moral or legal grounds. Even those who have taken part in lynching have never claimed any such justification. The mob law is but little removed from the mob, and the mob still less removed from the individual murderer. It is more to the point, however, to consider the matter in the light of experience. It is not long since Chicago has had what was called "A Popular Movement for the Suppression of Crime." The history of that movement, if it have any worth recounting, simply teaches that such a movement is a failure unless it is organized into a Vigilance Committee. The Chicago movement, which has not been heard of since election, drifted away into all sorts of vagaries. There was an outgrowth of religious enthusiasm, which reduced the broad question of suppressing crime to the narrower one of temperance, and found expression in denouncing the saloon-keepers. The result was a drivelling disintegration, the pieces being so widely scattered as to be now entirely lost to sight, and not even clear to memory. Such results cannot but leave the impression of popular weakness, which must give more encouragement than alarm to the dangerous classes. The result of the people taking the law into their own hands is a more practical way; availing themselves of the accessories of hemp and lamp-posts is even more dangerous to the cause of justice, and the lives of innocent men. There may have been cases in pioneer life and primitive times, when outlaws have been conquered in this way when there was no law to reach them; but the serious and deliberate contemplation of lynching in a city like New York, while it suggests some dire emergency, is dangerous and reprehensible.

Meanwhile, people inquire anxiously, "What is to be done? Are we to look on coolly and submit to a reign of terror? Shall we do nothing to save ourselves, nothing to guard our lives from the murderers?" The remedy rests with the people themselves, but after a different fashion. It is not in the organization of mass meetings for the glorification of individual patriots; it is not by the appointment of committees, nor the discussion of temperance, nor the agitation of the Sunday law, nor the partisan interests in politics, that relief from increasing crime is to be found. The means is of a deeper and more serious kind. It comprises the elevation of the jury system; greater ability and knowledge of law among public prosecutors; possible modifications in the technical delays afforded by the statutes; some limitation of the pardoning power; the repeal of the obsolete laws which hamper and retard the execution of good laws; and, finally, the election or appointment of men who will execute the laws which such revision provides with promptness and courage. Neither "lamp-post justice" nor "popular movements" will supply the lack of these improvements.

MINISTERIAL INFLUENCE.

In a leading article, in the last number of the *Christian Union*, on the "Decline of Ministerial Influence," Mr. Beecher says:

> The controversies of past generations last longer within the walls of theological schools than they do anywhere else. What, to the living mind of our time, is the controversy between Calvinism and Arminianism, or between the substitution and governmental theories of the Atonement, or the discussion concerning original sin, or Edwards' theory of "the will, or the metaphysics of the Trinity? We do not say that such subjects should be ignored. They should be studied attentively, as phases in the mental life of the Church in times past, and with a considerable influence on the present. But to make them the chief subjects of study, to equip and drill students with main reference to these, is like dressing soldiers in mediæval armor who have got to face rifled cannon.

Mr. Beecher does not designate what the rifled cannon are which the theologian and minister of the present day have to face. Should he do so, he would doubtless regard the spirit of science, materialism, or the indisposition to believe in anything that could not be tested by scientific methods, as Prof. Tyndall recently proposed to test the efficacy of prayer, as one of the first of these modern rifled cannon which the theologian and preacher must face. A second is the complete preoccupation of the mind of our age in material advancement and practical business. We do not so often deny or admit theology as decline to think about it. But, as this is exactly the process by which the Greek and Roman religions passed into oblivion, it is well to consider whether, if an account of stock were taken to-day of theological truth, it would be found that so considerable a quantity as Mr. Beecher enumerates of the ideas that met with a ready market a century ago are now wholly unsalable. Is theology a kaleidoscopic science; a thesis founded on perpetually changing premises? If we suppose the great present theological conflict to be between the Evolutionists and the believers in special creation, between absolute materialists and those who contend that there is a spiritual government of some kind, without being nice as to its nature, between the advocates of a Divine standard of morals and those who believe that every man is to do what he conceives will most promote human happiness; between those who believe Christianity to be a completer revelation of duty and destiny and those who deem it only a phase in the evolution of religious thought, we cannot state the question in this form without conceding that materialism, rationalism, and secularism have made great progress, relatively to that of religion, within the past half century.

Numerically, financially, and socially, the institutions, whether churches, colleges, newspapers, or societies, which, to use a commercial expression, "bank on" and assume the truth of a Christian theology of some kind, are at least as strong as they ever were. Nor, on entering the churches or taking up the religious journals wherein they address the people, will we find any recognition of the fact that their conflict is no longer a fight with the "princes of the powers of the air," but with Darwin, Huxley, Spencer, and Tyndall. True, there is a vast deal of modern preaching which does not aim seriously at anything more than to afford an interesting historical or poetic or rhetorical treat. The preacher himself seems to have outgrown the dogmatic epoch, and discourses of some feature of pairiarchical character or church history with barely a polite suggestion that his hearers may find therein a hint to a higher life.

Now, as ever heretofore, the churches rest not on intellect and disputation, but on the *vis inertia* of mankind; on the desire for moral and mental stability and the disinclination men feel to subject the rules of social order and the precepts of moral duty to the shifting sophistries of reason, biased, as it must always be, by passion. The standard method of the Church, therefore, is to assume, or, if it argues at all, to argue only from the premise of its own assumptions.

The mission of the modern minister is not to prove that any special theological issue is absolute truth, for a conviction has insensibly crept into the minds of nearly all men, including ministers, that truth is Protean, and assumes many guises and disguises. His aim is to conduct public worship in a manner that assumes the truth of all the essential tenets of his faith; the special efficacy of prayer, the personality of a spiritual God, the exclusive inspiration of Christianity, its benign and beneficent influence over individuals and communities, and its necessity as a standard of morals and a conservative power to prevent the world from running off into the chaos of sensuality, vice, and unrestrained passion. Its sermons are retrograde rather than stimulating. They carry us back to the slower life of the past, of patriarchs, prophets, and apostles, of shepherds and herdsmen, while the influences of business, of modern amusements, of art, and especially of material science, hasten us forward in a career of change that is everywhere too feverish to be wholly sane. The proper mission of the Church is sedative, soothing, subduing, calming. It is not what it proves, but what it is, that holds the attention of men. In this sense we see no evidence that ministerial influence in the aggregate is declining. In churches, as in other modern institutions, the corporation lives on and flourishes, whatever may become of the individuals which serve it. But this is no more true of ministers than of governments, railroads, and other chartered companies, and of the press. As the organization of society becomes more complete and perfect, the importance of the individual to its outward movement lessens. Newspapers live on though their editors may disappear or die. Great railroads are unaffected by the loss of their founders. So the various Christian organizations become the mausoleum of the men who have labored to build them up as the coral reef absorbs its insect architects. But this decline of individual influence relatively to that of the organization indicates no decline of the aggregate influence of the various Christian ministries. Where science, materialism, secularism, and the forces of social revolution and disorganization, combined, all of which, whether for good or ill, have an affinity for each other, could raise one temple for their worship or advancement, the faiths that stand allied with spiritual government, moral standards, and social order could to-day raise one million temples. The disproportion between the two contending forces, in financial resources, is no greater than must be expected always to exist between teachings which have no moral standard and those which have.

THE SICILIAN HURRICANE.

The narrative from the London *Times*, describing the ravages of the hurricane at Palazzolo, Sicily, and which was printed in our last issue, is one of peculiar interest, as it recalls a very similar calamity in this country, which happened some twelve or fifteen years since. According to the accounts, but very few buildings were left standing. Houses were rent to pieces or were dilapidated in the most mysterious styles. Lamp-posts were forced from their sockets, and trees were uprooted. The contents of stores disappeared entirely. Libraries, after the hurricane had passed over, had nothing left of them but loose leaves which were flying through the streets. A pillar of a palace was moved forward a foot without breaking. In some places, a house was stripped of all of its rafters; in others, tiles were torn off and shattered to pieces. Several persons were killed. The hurricane came suddenly in the night, and many of the dead were found where they had been sleeping, and were fearfully disfigured, the whirling sand having been driven into their ears and nostrils, and even piercing through the flesh.

These details vividly recall the destruction of Comanche and New Albany, in Iowa. A closer parallel in disaster could hardly be drawn, except that, as the Iowa villages were almost entirely constructed of wood, the destruction was more complete. The hurricane at Palazzolo occurred in the night time; that in Iowa in the day time, and yet, by a curious coincidence, the loss of life was, if we remember rightly, precisely the same,—thirty-two in each case, and about half that number injured,—showing that the suddenness of the blow left no better opportunity for escape in broad daylight than in the night time. The phenomena of the two were also nearly identical. In the Iowa towns, those houses which were in the direct line of the tornado were torn literally into splinters, but those which stood on the edges of it were rent and twisted in the same mysterious manner as the Sicilian houses. The streets were choked up in the same manner with rubbish. The pillars of palaces which were moved forward without breaking find their parallel in small tenements which were moved forward two or three feet without breakage. In this respect, however, the Iowa calamity surpasses that in Sicily, as one house in Comanche, a brick one, was turned round with but slight damage, so that it faced a different point of the compass after the tornado had passed. The flying leaves from vanished book-covers recall the fate of the law library of the Circuit Judge, who lived in Comanche, and after the tornado looked about for his library, only to find the warped and twisted covers in his recent garden, and the leaves scattered to the four winds of heaven. The bodies which were recovered from the ruins of Palazzolo, if placed side by side with those in Comanche, could hardly have been told apart, as the peculiarities of disfigurement were precisely similar. The distinctive force of each seems to have been about the same, although more property was damaged in Iowa than in Sicily,—a fact which may be explained by the circumstance that the Iowa towns were built almost entirely of wood and situated upon a level prairie, where the tornado met with no obstructions in its course. The only material difference lies in the fact that the Iowa tornado was a phenomenon in itself and disconnected from any general convulsion of nature, while that in Sicily was but one phase of a wide-spread storm which inundated towns and cities in France and Germany, destroyed villages in Sweden and Denmark, and swept the English coast of its shipping.

Harvard College.

It will be a matter of some surprise to the general public that, as one result of the Boston fire, Harvard College is about to make an appeal to the American people for help. There has always been an impression that Harvard College was wealthy, and was abundantly able to meet her expenses from her income. It is now stated that a considerable portion of the wealth of the University is in its buildings, which, of course, are unproductive; in bequests, which have always been made with reference to specific purposes, and cannot, therefore, be of any avail for the general uses of the University; and in the tuition fees of students, which only go to meet current expenses, and leave little margin for profitable investments. The real wealth of the University, however, was derived from rents and interest on loans, secured by mortgages on buildings which were destroyed in the fire. The other sources of income were far from availability in meeting the expenses of the institution. The loss by the destruction of the real sources is variously estimated at from $300,000 to $600,000. The income from this for the current year which has been thus suddenly cut off would have amounted to at least $50,000. This income, as well as a considerable portion of the principal, Harvard College will shortly ask its friends to replace. The necessity is obvious. Without it, it will be necessary to reduce the salaries of Professors, which are already disproportionate to the services they render, as is the case in nearly all institutions of learning. It will furthermore be necessary to stop at once all outlay for apparatus of every description, for an increase of the library and all improvements which have been outlined, thus seriously interfering with the various courses of study and crippling the efforts of the University to increase its sphere of usefulness.

We have no doubt the appeal of the University to the country at large and to its thousands of alumni in particular will meet with a hearty and generous response. Harvard College is one of the few great seats of learning in the United States which has more than a local influence. Its blessings have radiated far and wide. Its liberality in education and its influence upon culture have given it a name even in foreign countries, and in the literary world it holds the same relation to the United States that Oxford and Cambridge do to England. Any reverse which happens to it, therefore, is, to some extent, a national reverse, and it will undoubtedly be a matter of national pride to provide against any damage to its material interests, or any lapse of its educational usefulness. The entire sum to be raised is, we understand, $250,000, and we have no doubt that this sum can be raised among its immediate friends and graduates, who are scattered all over the United States. In the event that they cannot, the fact that Boston itself seems to need no special relief growing out of the fire, but is abundantly able to take care of those who are in need, will leave the general public at liberty to respond very freely to the call of Harvard College, and thus prevent this great national seat of learning from passing in its beneficent work.

The problem known under the general term of "Servantgalism" has reached Montreal, and taken such formidable proportions that it is to be discussed, and, we hope, settled, by a public meeting. The meeting has been called by a number of the prominent Protestant ministers of Montreal, which will give it dignity and importance. It would have had an aspect of greater fairness, however, if the Catholic prelates had been asked to take part, as representing more fully the servants. The differences between employers and servants can scarcely be settled by *ex-parte* action on either side; it would too nearly resemble strikes among workmen against capitalists, or combinations among capitalists against workmen, neither of which enjoy permanent success. The Montreal meeting, however, is called for general discussion. Subjects have been allotted to various gentlemen. Rev. Dr. Cordner is to introduce the question of family training, with a view to meet the exigencies of the case. Rev. Dr. Douglas and Rev. Dr. Donovan are to express their sentiments on the duty of mistresses to domestics,—a subject in which they will find a fertile suggestiveness, and a phase of the problem which merits the most serious consideration. A kindred subject is found in the matter of economy of service, which includes the more intimate relations of employers and servants, more industry among the former, and an elevation of character among the latter. Aside from these set speeches, there is to be a chance for all persons to bring in their practical experience, to show the various causes of complaint and suggest the necessary remedies. It is intimated by the press that there will be an effort to rid society of the idea that there is something degrading in a young lady doing the work in her own room of a morning, and also to teach the importance of looking upon domestics as something more than mere menials, and furnishing them with greater comforts than they ordinarily enjoy.

Wheeling is ambitious to become the capital of West Virginia. With the sad fate of Albany, Harrisburg, Columbus, Springfield, Madison, Lansing, and other State capitals before its eyes, Wheeling should know better. Still, it advances its claims through the newspapers, and gives special prominence to the fact that it possesses a large hotel, which has two halls for the Legislative sessions, parlors for the Supreme Court, ante-rooms for Committees, and nice little private rooms up stairs for the members' personal use. This will never do. Legislative luxuries are not to be encouraged. They are expensive. Expensiveness is conducive to corruption, and there is corruption enough already.

POLITICAL.

The Champaign *Gazette*, Mr. George Scroggs' newspaper, hoists the name of Oglesby for Senator.

—The Toledo *Commercial* says:

> Indications seem to point to the election of Oglesby to represent Illinois in the Senate for the coming eight years [?], provided that the almighty Trumbull consents to retire.

The Harrisburg *Telegraph* (Cameron) says:

> In Illinois we look for a struggle before Trumbull is defeated.

The Cincinnati *Times*, however, says:

> The proposition to elect the Hon. E. B. Washburne as Senator from Illinois, instead of Governor Oglesby, will be favorably regarded by the Legislature of that State, we trust, as it is by Republicans elsewhere through the country. Oglesby has just accepted an election to the Governorship, and should serve out his term in that office.

—Clayton, having counted in a Republican Legislature in Arkansas, the candidates for United States Senator are: Governor Hadley, Judge Bowen, ex-Senator McDonald, and Colonel Dorsey.

—Of the situation at Montgomery, Ala., the Louisville *Courier-Journal* says:

> All the Radicals want is a muddle. There is a Radical President. There is a Radical Congress. There is a Radical Governor-elect in Alabama. A muddle, a disturbance, a Committee of Investigation, a Presidential edict, a Congressional act, and away goes the Democratic Legislature, and Mr. Senator Spencer is a made man.

—Patterson, the man with money, is spending it freely to corrupt the colored members of the South Carolina Legislature, and Sawyer, the out-going Senator, is giving them magnificent suppers; but Elliott, the black Congressman, announces his inflexible purpose to go to the Senate, and the few white Liberals have promised him their votes.

—The vote of New Orleans, as published in the *Republican* of the 19th, was:

	Liberal.		*Republican.*
President, Greeley	22,687	Grant	13,506
Governor, McEnery	21,916	Kellogg	14,013
Lt. Governor, Penn	23,562	Antoine, c	12,901
Congress, dist. 1, Conway	23,918	Pinchback, c	13,830
Congress, dist. 1, Laurence	9,691	Sypher	7,696
Congress, dist. 2, Gibson	10,821	Sheldon	7,190

—Edward Booth, elected to the Louisiana Senate, shouts aloud, proclaiming to the people of New Orleans:

> Happier times, I hope, are in store for us; times which will, by their prosperity, union, and confidence, remind us of the days of Peters, and Baldwin, and Johnson, and Moulton, and Crossman, and Caldwell; days when to be a Louisianian was an honor; when to have a city or State bond was better than to have its face in gold on the Exchange of London or the Bourse of Amsterdam or Paris; days when the officers of State were the friends of the poorest; when the humblest laborer, if honest and sober, was the peer of a Burnside, a Tulane, or a Slocomb, merchant princes of their times.

—The Legislatures of Iowa and Ohio, elected in 1871, hold adjourned sessions this winter; and the newly-elected Legislatures of Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri, will also be in session. The Indiana Legislature, now in special session, will go along in regular session after the 1st of January.

—The *State Journal*, at Springfield, Ill., makes the majority of Ray, Republican, for Congress, in the Tenth District, 1,519 instead of 1,066, by transposing the vote of Schuyler County. Of such blunders is the *State Journal's* "official" table made up.

—The Chattanooga (Tenn.) District gives Grant 1,448 majority, and elects Crutchfield to Congress by 1,029. At least 10,000 white voters took no part in the election.

—Senator Pomeroy tells the Washington people that, during the Presidential canvass in Kansas, "The campaign cries were Pomeroy and anti-Pomeroy." The cries at Topeka this winter will be "Ante! Pomeroy," till Pomeroy antes.

—The New York *Times* gives warning to Scott, Reed, Spencer, Sawyer, Clayton, and all that class, of the impending downfall of carpet-baggers.

—Judge Settle, of North Carolina, who is named as the probable successor of Judge Nelson in the United States Supreme Court, thinks, since the South has had no representative on the Bench for some years, he may be appointed to a Northern Circuit with as much propriety as Northern men have been appointed to Southern Circuits.

—The Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention fills vacancies in its membership upon the nomination of the majority or minority parties, to whichever the seat belongs. Mr. Buckalew was thus provided for; and it is now proposed to invite Chief Justice Thompson to take part in the proceedings.

—The friend of the colored man will find in Louisville, Ky., three candidates for the Mayoralty—all Democrats—who ignore white folks altogether, and go for the black man with the precipitancy of desire, if not with the ardor of convictions. The negro is indeed something more than an event; he is an element.

—At a meeting in Cincinnati the other day, to consider the expediency of starting a new paper by M. Emil Rothe, editor of the *Volksfreund*, said:

> He did not believe in the *World's* doctrine that the Democratic party would live. He himself, a life-long Democrat, did not even wish it. A state could not form a new party.

—The Florence (Ala.) *Times* (Conservative) admits that the name "Democrat" must be dropped from politics, and announces that, if Grant is a candidate in 1876, it will be wise for the South to give him a unanimous vote.

—The one important issue before the Tennessee Legislature, soon to meet, will be that of Free Schools. The Nashville *Banner* says:

> More people than heretofore are beginning to realize that the State needs free schools—day schools, night schools, normal schools, manual labor schools, Sunday schools, and all conceivable schools. Thus does West Tennessee echo back the demands of the friends of education in East Tennessee, and Middle Tennessee can point proudly to the splendid school system of the Capital of the State. It is an investment that would begin to tell financially before another Presidential election.

—We give elsewhere a "third-term programme, as developed in the brain of somebody in Washington. If any patriot is alarmed about it, he may take comfort in the thought that we have two years before the next Presidential election, and that a great many unexpected things, fatal to present programmes, will doubtless take place during those years.—*Cincinnati Commercial.*

ACADEMY OF DESIGN.

Annual Meeting—Adoption of Constitution.

Election of Officers—A Board of Trustees Chosen to Act for the Ensuing Year.

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There were present H. C. Ford, President; J. W. Dodge, Secretary; Charles Peck, Treasurer; H. A. Elkins, P. Yates Read, F. H. Gookins, Frank M. Pebbles, D. F. Bigelow, G. S. Cook, A. F. Spread, C. Schwerdt, D. F. Oliver, J. Brown, and John Phillips.

President Ford called the meeting to order. Secretary Dodge then read the minutes of the last meeting, which, upon motion, were approved.

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President Ford then called attention to the notice given at the last meeting of the adoption of a new Constitution, and, after the same had been presented for the consideration of the meeting, the Secretary was requested to read it.

After a lengthy discussion, the new Constitution, with a few unimportant amendments, was adopted. It is identical with the old, with the exception of Article 3, which provides that the money and property of the Academy shall be held and be managed by the Trustees. There are to be Honorary Academicians or citizens of Chicago, who shall hold their offices for life, unless they shall remove from the city. The Constitution was modelled after the Constitution of the Academy of Sciences.

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The following resolution was then presented and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Academy feel deeply grateful to Miss Emily Faithfull, for her efforts to advance the interests of the Academy.

It was further resolved that the Secretary be requested to send her a copy of the proceedings, and that Mr. H. J. Spread was then unanimously elected an Academician, and the name of Mr. Conkling was proposed; but, owing to a misunderstanding of the by-laws, it was suggested that his name be considered at the next meeting.

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A vote of thanks was tendered to Messrs. Gardner & Gould, proprietors of the Gardner House, for the use of the club room.

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A Queen with Wits.

The Queen of the Netherlands is one of the eminently sensible sovereigns whom Europe can except to the Shakespearean rule of uneasy heads. Her Majesty takes every possible opportunity of dispensing with the divinity which hedges her, and does her best to enjoy life as any one else of sense and cultivation. A remarkable accomplished linguist and thoroughly acquainted with the best literature, her supreme delight is in the society of highly cultivated people. Holland is too small a country to afford much material of this kind, and, as Mr. Motley lived during his residence at the Hague good report to know, any accession from abroad is speedily noised to the Queen's pleasant home, the "House in the Wood." But every year the Queen takes flight across the channel for a glimpse of cultivated England, and, when she does so, the manner of woman her Majesty is may be clearly seen by noting who are her hostesses. Thus, at every time that the Prince and Princess of Wales were the guests of a young nobleman who has happily described as having "no back to speak of," and who, within a few weeks of his father's death, was heavily fined by a London magistrate for assaulting liege subjects refusing from the races, and whose guests-list was selected by the Prince—were almost entirely composed of *roues*, spendthrifts and intellectual-minded persons, the Queen of the Netherlands was the visitor of Lord Derby and his accomplished wife, whence she was to go to the residence of Waterford, the gifted sister of the late Lady Canning, and perhaps almost the most talented amateur artist in England, and these were the passes on to Scotland and stay some days with Sir William Maxwell-Sterling, author of "The Cloister Life of Charles the V.," and probably one of the twenty best-read men in the United Kingdom. "By their friends shall ye know them."

A Celebrated Legal Case.

The celebrated case of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company against the Pennsylvania Coal Company was finally decided in the Court of Appeals, Albany, a few days ago. The case has been pending the last fifteen years. The testimony was taken before a referee, and consisted of over fifteen thousand folios, filling eight or more large printed volumes. The case was heard in the City of New York before the Hon. Ira Hogeboom, sole referee, and the leading members of the bar participated in the argument. The referee decided the case in favor of the plaintiff, the Canal Company, allowing one-fourth only of the amount claimed, and ordering that each party should pay its own costs (the total amounting to over $50,000). The amount of the recovery for coal alleged to be transported equalled about three-fourths of a million of dollars, but in addition to that it fixed a rate of additional or supplemental tolls for all coal thereafter to be transported over the road by the defendant, under a perpetual contract for the use of one-half of its capacity. Both parties appealed from the judgment of the referee to the Supreme Court, which tribunal affirmed the judgment on both appeals.

COUNTERFEITING.

Began the "Shover" of the $50 Counterfeit Treasury Notes in This City, Committed in Bail of $5,000 for Trial.

The Work of Counterfeiters During the Past Ten Years--Instances Where the Government Has Been Compelled to Withdraw Whole Issues of Currency from Circulation.

Readers of THE TRIBUNE will remember mention of the arrest of one Michael Hogan, some days ago, on the charge of passing a $50 counterfeit Treasury note on Blue Island avenue. Hogan was tried before United States Commissioner Hoyne, yesterday, and committed in bail of $5,000. The following named persons have been victimized by Mr. Hogan: Charles Williams, Isaac Weiss, E. Greenwald, M. Bryan, E. Deitsche, B. Collins, J. McCohn, L. Brady, and M. Stanton.

This case naturally suggests the various counterfeits that have been passed off upon a confiding community since greenbacks were first issued, many of which are still in circulation. During the past 10 years the following have been issued and detected: 5 cent notes, 1; 10 cent notes, same issue, 1; 25 cent notes of the various issues, 40 or 50; 50 cent notes, over 40, many of them quite as well executed as the genuine; $1 greenbacks, 10 or 12; $2 greenbacks, 10 or 12; $3 National bank notes, 6 or 8; $5 greenbacks, 8 or 10; $5 National Bank notes, at least 15 or 20; $20 greenbacks, 8; $50 greenbacks, 12; $100 greenbacks, 1; making a total of about 160 imitations, all more or less successful.

The most dangerous counterfeit ever made was that of the $1,000 7-30 notes issued under the act of March 3, 1865, of which fully one hundred were "shoved" before they could be detected. Treasury officials themselves were caught by it, but it was finally captured, as were the plates. The engraving was superbly executed by an Englishman named Everson, who was employed by the notorious Brockaway gang of New York. The counterfeiters escaped punishment through legal technicalities, and were released, merely to attempt and successfully accomplish a counterfeit of the $50 legal-tender old issue of greenbacks, which was so well executed that the Government was driven to the expedient of calling in the issue.

Another dangerous counterfeit was that of the 100 three-year interest notes, issued under the act of June 30, 1864. This was not issued till a year later than the genuine note, and was the work of the Hank Holmes gang, of New York. The plates were captured, but not until many of the spurious notes were in circulation. Some of the gang turned States evidence, and the balance went to the Penitentiary.

The Ben. Boyd gang was a successful organization, and is responsible for many good imitations, one of the best of which was of the $100 National Bank currency; also a $20 National Bank note, which is still in circulation, and which defies the skill of experts. One Ulrich, who served for this gang, produced counterfeit $500 National Bank notes, the plates of which were fortunately captured before they were finished. While this affair reflected credit on the engraver for his skill, it took him to the Penitentiary, where his skill was of less service to him than was agreeable.

The counterfeits of $10, $20, $50, and $100 National Bank notes were quite numerous, the back and the face of each denomination being the same, with only the name of the bank and State from whence issued being changed. These the counterfeiters changed at their pleasure. As soon as a fraudulent note on one of the banks was detected, they would stop "shoving" that and insert the name of some other bank, which altered counterfeit they would run until detected, and again change. Quite a number of the plates have been captured, however, and there are not many of these spurious notes in circulation now.

Every one is familiar with the counterfeit of the fifty cent notes, with the vignette of Lincoln, which was produced so successfully that the Government was compelled to call in the issue, and substitute that with the vignette of Stanton, which contains the curious element difficult to imitate. This, however, has been counterfeited, and many spurious notes of the denomination are in circulation. It is probable that the issue will soon be called in, and a new one substituted.

Counterfeiters will have a hard time of it, however, for all the engraving is now done at the Treasury Department, and since this reform has occurred, but two counterfeits have been made. The paper currency has never been so free from spurious imitations since the second year of its adoption as it is at present.

INSURANCE.

No Apprehension of an Increase of Rates in Chicago at the Present Time or Near Future.

There has been considerable talk, lately, among the business men of Chicago, in reference to an advance in insurance rates, many believing, from Eastern telegraphic despatches to the newspapers here, that the companies intended to increase the rates materially. As was stated in THE TRIBUNE a day or two subsequent to the receipt of the news of the Boston fire, the rates in Chicago are now from 100 to 150 per cent higher than they were previous to our conflagration, and that much higher than the present rates in New York, Boston, and other seaboard cities. To increase the rates here is conceded by insurance agents to be impossible, and hence business men need not be alarmed. The insurance agents of this city, who have the general supervision of the business of the Northwest, have an association, and, it is said, have appointed a committee to attend the session of the National Board of Underwriters, in New York, where the propriety of an advance of rates will be discussed. It is believed that their action has reference only to Eastern cities and villages, where, it is said, the rates are much lower than they should be. If the rates East are increased as much as is proposed, they will not be more than equal to those now prevailing in this city. The Board of Underwriters of Chicago have not held a meeting with special reference to the matter, and have not sent delegates to New York to participate in the proceedings of the Convention. If a committee has left this city to attend the session of the National Board, they belong to the General Agents' Association, an organization which cannot make a general advance in insurance rates.

THE UNEMPLOYED.

The agent in charge of the Employment Bureau, in the old Court House square, states that there is a great number of unemployed men in the city. Many applications are daily made for work, but there is absolutely no demand for labor of any kind in Chicago. Farmers want men to husk corn, and a large number of the unemployed can have an opportunity to chop cord wood in Indiana; but as transportation to the farms or to the woods is not furnished by the parsons who want the corn husked or the wood chopped, men who would be willing to go are unable to do so on account of the absence of funds to pay railroad fare. Very few of the applicants have any means, having spent what they earned during the summer. Unless these men are enabled to obtain work, they and their families will have great difficulty in procuring a livelihood this winter.

School Slates Under Ban.

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A Mr. Wagner comes forth a sort of pasteboard that presents all the convenience of the slate, with the advantages of writing on paper. Pen and ink are used, as on ordinary paper, but the writing can easily be effaced, and the same board or card be used an indefinite number of times. The Saxon Board of Instruction have granted Mr. Wagner a patent for his invention, and he details the following as the advantages: It is more easy to write on these cards than on paper, and a great economy of paper is thereby effected in favor of the poor children of the People's Schools. It is easy with them to acquire an excellent hand in writing. As proof of their durability, a school of one hundred and sixty children spoiled only four in ten weeks. Practice and experience prove that it is more easy to learn to write well with them than with paper. They are light and elastic, and not the least noise needs be made in handling them. They seem, in short, to be a great step in advance of the many patent slates on which pencils are used, and will, doubtless in many respects, prove a blessing to multitudes of school children, store-keepers, accountants, and others who need to use quantities of paper for temporary purposes.—*Ladies' Repository.*

THE Y. M. C. A.

It Still Exists, Though Not Vigorously.

Farwell Hall Not to Be Rebuilt for Some Time--Present Quarters of the Association.

The question is being asked continually, and by persons of all classes and conditions, "What has become of the Young Men's Christian Association?" It appears that the vigorous efforts of the Association to avoid fire in the next world were fruitless to cope with the impartial element in this. Twice have the unwelcome flames persecuted them, and on the last occasion routed them so thoroughly that they have scarcely begun to think of reorganizing. The Association, however, exists, if not vigorously, and lives in hopes of once more rising to the prominence it formerly enjoyed in Chicago, when the gas-light in Farwell Hall was controlled from below, and extinguished upon the flippant imitators of the Sweet Singer of Israel, when their saltatory inclinations took form at the close of a fair.

At the present time the Association is not financially vigorous, and therefore not ready to build upon its immense lot which partially fronts on Madison street. At present the cost of rebuilding would be too heavy, because materials and labor are costly, more so than they will be next year, it is supposed. Meantime it is living in lodgings on Randolph street, having engaged an unfurnished suite of rooms, in Rice & Jackson's building, which have been comfortably fitted up for the purpose required by them. One room contains copies of the two papers issued by the Association, the *Heavenly Tidings* and *Everybody's Paper*. The next room is the business room, presided over by a comely young lady whose patience must be sorely taxed by the gentleman whose doom it appears to be to forever shake down the stove and remove the ashes with as much noise as possible. She is fully conversant with the plans of the Association, and looks forward to the millennial day when Farwell Hall shall be rebuilt, and more spacious and imposing quarters occupied by the Association.

Adjoining this office is an ante-room, wherein, enthroned, is the Librarian, also a young lady, who is enthusiastic. The library and reading-room can be entered from the ante-room. In the latter apartment are the files of all the leading papers, with a fair selection of periodicals, and the numbers of each denomination being the same, with only the name of the bank and State from whence issued being changed. These the counterfeiters changed at their pleasure. As soon as a fraudulent note on one of the banks was detected, they would stop "shoving" that and insert the name of some other bank, which altered counterfeit they would run until detected, and again change. Quite a number of the plates have been captured, however, and there are not many of these spurious notes in circulation now.

Every one is familiar with the counterfeit of the fifty cent notes, with the vignette of Lincoln, which was produced so successfully that the Government was compelled to call in the issue, and substitute that with the vignette of Stanton, which contains the curious element difficult to imitate. This, however, has been counterfeited, and many spurious notes of the denomination are in circulation. It is probable that the issue will soon be called in, and a new one substituted.

Counterfeiters will have a hard time of it, however, for all the engraving is now done at the Treasury Department, and since this reform has occurred, but two counterfeits have been made. The paper currency has never been so free from spurious imitations since the second year of its adoption as it is at present.

INSURANCE.

No Apprehension of an Increase of Rates in Chicago at the Present Time or Near Future.

There has been considerable talk, lately, among the business men of Chicago, in reference to an advance in insurance rates, many believing, from Eastern telegraphic despatches to the newspapers here, that the companies intended to increase the rates materially. As was stated in THE TRIBUNE a day or two subsequent to the receipt of the news of the Boston fire, the rates in Chicago are now from 100 to 150 per cent higher than they were previous to our conflagration, and that much higher than the present rates in New York, Boston, and other seaboard cities. To increase the rates here is conceded by insurance agents to be impossible, and hence business men need not be alarmed. The insurance agents of this city, who have the general supervision of the business of the Northwest, have an association, and, it is said, have appointed a committee to attend the session of the National Board of Underwriters, in New York, where the propriety of an advance of rates will be discussed. It is believed that their action has reference only to Eastern cities and villages, where, it is said, the rates are much lower than they should be. If the rates East are increased as much as is proposed, they will not be more than equal to those now prevailing in this city. The Board of Underwriters of Chicago have not held a meeting with special reference to the matter, and have not sent delegates to New York to participate in the proceedings of the Convention. If a committee has left this city to attend the session of the National Board, they belong to the General Agents' Association, an organization which cannot make a general advance in insurance rates.

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THE CITY IN BRIEF.

Everything.

Hon. Joseph H. Culver, of Pontiac, is at the Briggs.

Among the recent arrivals in the city are "Tom and Jerry."

Dr. H. O. Bayne, U. S. A., was quartered at the Sherman yesterday.

The Tremont House yesterday entertained the Hon. W. H. Bradford, of Providence, R. I.

The Hon. John A. Burbank, Governor of Dakota, is a guest at the Tremont House.

Owing to the illness of Professor Swing, he will not meet his English Literature class this evening, nor preach Sunday.

G. Shamphert, of Titusville, Pa., a heavy oil-dealer of that city, is now a boarder at the Tremont.

Is it because they are ashamed of their gas, that the city authorities do not clean the glass in the street lamps oftener?

Mrs. L. B. Chandler will give one more lecture to the South Side ladies at No. 945 Michigan avenue at 2:30 p. m. Everybody and her friend are invited.

Two of the three new steam fire engines recently ordered from the East will arrive here shortly. They were shipped from the manufactory on Tuesday.

The Dry Goods Base Ball Company will not play the Shoemakers at 3 o'clock this afternoon. As the paper began to look unfamiliar without a base ball notice we put this in.

Miss Matilda Fletcher, until recently an agitator of the Grant movement, was at the Sherman yesterday *en route* for Washington.

The following are at the Briggs: J. M. Barnes, Crawfordsville, Ind.; J. W. Bowen, Amsterdam, N. Y.; G. W. Currie, Boston; E. A. Martin, Suspension Bridge, N. Y.; Thomas A. Orr, Ind.

Mr. Samuel Gulick, a well-known scenic artist, died at Memphis, Tenn., on the 15th inst. Mr. G. was for a short time connected with Wood's Museum, in this city, during the early days of that institution.

The meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, yesterday afternoon, was devoted to auditing a large number of Police Department bills, and receiving the resignation of Charles Alby, pipeman of Engine Company No. 9.

The following persons are at Anderson's European Hotel: Peter Bae, New York; L. F. Haskins, Peoria; G. H. Burrows, Cincinnati; W. K. Sexten, Hartford, Conn.; J. Jenkins, Milwaukee; H. Whitman, Utica, N. Y.

Wm. O. Isinburg, Bloomington; J. F. Faherty; R. S. Gould, of New York; J. F. Seely, Boston; E. Dore, Savannah, Ga.; L. L. Cochrane, Marquette, were registered at Burke's Hotel yesterday.

The fire-hose manufacturers of Boston, Philadelphia, New York, Jersey City, and other Eastern cities, are to be invited to send in bids for supplying the Fire Department of this city. The Police and Fire Commissioners so decided yesterday.

Mrs. Baker, of Michigan, who about six weeks since boarded for a few days at the Woman's Home, No. 191 West Jackson street, and who was compelled by circumstances to leave her trunk there for safe-keeping when she took her departure, reports that it was broken open and rifled of several valuable articles during her absence. No arrests have yet been made.

Among the arrivals at the Tremont yesterday were: F. H. Gigg, Davenport; W. D. Disby, New Orleans; G. H. Fife, Mississippi; W. F. Griffith, Philadelphia; J. H. Wickgar, Salt Lake City; Geo. W. Bryan, Cadiz, Ohio; John H. Ross, New Haven, Conn.

The Gardner House register yesterday contained the following names: W. A. Wells and Henry A. Wilson, New York; Dr. J. B. Gilman, Topeka; Wm. H. Sherman, Boston; A. A. Moore and John A. Bartlett, Lynn; E. R. Sybley and G. T. Weeks, St. Louis.

An aged lady named Mrs. Helger, residing at No. 731 Larrabee street, was knocked down by an express wagon, at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, while crossing Wells street bridge. She was not seriously injured, though she had to be assisted to her house.

Joseph Franklin, of No. 139 Lain street, was attacked by three men, at the corner of Archer avenue and McGlashen street, between 7 and 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening, and robbed of $17. He feels the indignities which he suffered at their hands a great deal more than he does the loss of his money.

General Cain and family, of Pennsylvania; G. W. Homan, Omaha; H. McCoy, Baltimore; E. P. Wright, Cleveland; J. R. Findley and J. M. Shelby, New York; C. Babson, Boston; T. P. Stevenson, Pittsburgh; W. C. Smith, Napa, Cal.; T. R. Goodrich, were at the Sherman House, yesterday.

Owing to the carelessness of the driver of omnibus No. 13, of the Madison-street line, one of the wheels of the vehicle passed over the forefoot of an express-horse standing in front of the Madison-street station, yesterday afternoon. It is the property of Melick Burke, of No. 92 West Madison street. The careless driver escaped arrest.

At half-past 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon a policeman observed smoke issuing from the windows of room No. 7 Central Union Block, and hastened to inform the Fire Insurance Patrol of the fact. An examination, which included the ripping up of the office floor, satisfied the patrolmen that the smoke came from the flue of the State Savings Institution, and obtained access to the room through an uncovered stove-pipe hole.

There is considerable indignation in respectable dramatic circles about an advertisement announcing a masquerade ball to be given under auspices of the profession at the Academy of Music on Thanksgiving night. The decent actors and actresses utterly repudiate having any connection with the affair, and pronounce it an unmitigated and indecent fraud.

J. J. Robertson, the young man who was arrested on Wednesday on suspicion of having stolen $100 and a watch from Mr. Pease, a guest at the Briggs House, was arraigned before Justice Banyon Yesterday, and remanded for further examination in bail of $700. He stoutly asserted his innocence of the alleged crime, and claimed that the money ($100) which was found upon him was his own, he having brought it with him from Salt Lake City.

Oysters and recitations to-night at the First Congregational Church corner of Washington and Ann streets, the oysters furnished by the ladies of the congregation and the recitations by Grace Greenwood. They—the oysters not the recitations—will be served on the whole shell, on the half shell, without any shells, raw, naked, fried, stewed, boiled, roasted, fricasseed, toasted, *a la Moselle*, and in the usual style. All these oysters besides the poetry for fifty cents. Go.

A Thanksgiving dinner will be given at the Cook County Hospital and at the Insane Asylum and Poor House. Delicacies of all kinds are solicited. Contributions for the hospital should be left at the institution, corner of Arnold and Eighteenth streets, and for the Poor House at Dr. Bluthardt's, 247 Madison street. Doctor Ben Miller and Mr. Finnigan, of Cincinnati, will make nice little addresses at the Insane Asylum.

The Chicago Athletic Club enjoyed a jumping match yesterday, the jumpers being Mr. William Bomer, the happy holder of the Club medal, and Mr. J. J. Flanders, who had a hankering after the trophy. They took six jumps apiece, "nice six are twelve," twelve jumps for the two. Bomer made 19 feet 3½ inches, of his opponent 19 feet 1½ inch. Had he jumped a few feet farther, he would have won. The Club report the contest as "very exciting," probably like the Chicago fire. This is the last of the games for the season. Good-bye, games.

Last Tuesday evening was the occasion of a very pleasant event at the shops of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, near the foot of Fourteenth street. The event referred to was the presentation of $800 in United States 5-20 bonds, and an elegantly-chased and engraved silver tobacco-box, to Mr. George Wilson, late Master Mechanic of the Company at these shops. The presentation was made by Mr. S. J. Hayes, Superintendent of Machinery, on behalf of the employes, in a neat manner, which was feelingly responded to by Mr. Holton. Mr. E. T. Jeffery, Assistant Superintendent of Machinery, then made a few very appropriate remarks. Mr. Holton has been Master Mechanic at these shops for the past eight years, and, in leaving, carries with him the respect and esteem of all. Quite a number of ladies graced the occasion by their presence, and added not a little to this thoroughly enjoyable affair.

Mr. Wilcox, of the firm of Burling, Adler & Co., architects, is now engaged in preparing plans for a magnificent restaurant to be erected on the L-shaped lot adjoining Burke's Hotel on the east fifty feet front on Madison street, and twenty-five feet front on South Clark street. The projectors, Messrs. Brown Bros., intend that this restaurant shall be equal, in every particular, to the famous Delmonico restaurant, New York, and supply a want which has been long felt by certain classes of wealthy people in this city. The erection of the building will be commenced immediately. It is to have entrances on Madison and Clark streets, and fronts of Rhena Vista stone. The floors and staircases are to be of marble, and the other appointments of the establishment will be constructed on a similarly magnificent scale.

The Mayor, yesterday, called the attention of the Superintendent of Police to the amendment to the Hay ordinance, passed by the Common Council October 22, 1872. It requires all persons offering hay for sale by the load to have it weighed by the City Weigher at the city scales at the hay market. A great many of the dealers neglect to have it so weighed, and sell hay on certificates of unauthorized weighers, or by the bulk and guess-work, leaving the purchasers in quantity. The City Weigher, Mr. Powell, has asked his Honor for police assistance to compel dealers to have their hay weighed on the city scales. Accordingly the Mayor requested Superintendent Washburn to issue orders to the police force to notify the drivers of heavy wagons coming into the city that they must have their hay weighed by the proper person, and to arrest them if they do not comply with the provisions of the Hay ordinance.

Mr. Mauritz Langeloth, city editor of the *Frei Presse*,—he whose inky locks once flosted from the reporters' table to the gas lights in the Council Chamber, and acted as a conductor for a bright column of fire,—met with another serious accident on Wednesday night, about 10 o'clock. While walking home on Jefferson street, in the vicinity of Washington, he was suddenly set upon by two men, one of whom felled him to the sidewalk with a slung-shot, inflicting a painful wound in his head. Robbery does not appear to have been the object of the attack, as Mr. Langeloth's valuables, consisting of a brief lead pencil and a knife dismantled of three blades and the ivory which formerly adorned the handle, were left untouched. It is an unsafe thing to be a reporter on the German press of Chicago. An evil shadow attend all who occupy the position. Two of them were burned out four times in the course of six months, and the rest have been the victims of midnight attacks at one time or another.

Yeast Cans Full of Diamonds.

From the San Diego World, Nov. 1.

The diamond excitement is brought home to us here in San Diego. Yesterday a Mexican put in an appearance here who had just come in from the Arizona diamond fields. He turned up at the Horton House. He carried several old yeast cans, one of which was filled with diamonds, or what, from their appearance, would be taken for such; another was full of moss agates, and still another contained what looked like rubies.

The Mexican could talk no English, and wandered about hunting for some one to play interpreter for him. He finally interviewed Mr. Horton, and proposed to sell him his collection That gentleman had no desire to "buy a pig in a poke," and, not being a lapidary, he declined the speculation. This peddler of precious stones stated that he came originally from Altar, in Sonora. He heard there of a great diamond excitement on Little Colorado River, and started off to fill his pack with the glittering baubles. He says he found his jewels somewhere on the Little Colorado River, on the line which runs between Arizona and New Mexico. More definite information we could not get from him.

The diamonds are very brilliant crystals, and, to the eye of any but a lapidary, would seem to be genuine "original Jacobs" of the jewel fam-

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York Financial News.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—Money stringent at 7 gold to 1-16 and interest. The Treasury called for 10 per cent of the deposits placed with the National Banks in October.

Sterling firm at 108½@108¾ for 60 day and 110 for sight.

Gold stronger, opening at 113; after the Government sale advanced to and closed at 113⅝@113¾. Loans 5 to 5 for carrying. Clearings about $20,000,000. The Government disbursed $421,000. The Assistant Treasurer awarded $1,000,000 at 113.12@113.20.

Government bonds steady.

Southern securities quiet and steady.

Stocks were generally strong throughout the day, with Northwestern common absorbing the attention of the street. The stock opened at 68, declined to 60½, sold up to par, and closed 66¾. It is entirely in the hands of a clique. It loaned early in the day at 1 per cent use, subsequently loaning flat. Pacific Mail and Erie were next in point of interest; ¼ was bid for the latter for use for 10 days. The market at the close showed a slight reaction from the highest point of the day. The Milwaukee & St. Paul Company, to-day, have notices to the Stock Exchange of an issue of about 16,000 shares of common stock to pay for new roads.

Sterling, 108¾.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.			
Coupons, '81	116¼	Coupons, '67	115¾
5-20s of '62	112½	Coupons, '68	115
Coupons, '64	112¾	New 5s	109¾
Coupons, '65	113¾	10-40s	107¾
Coupons, '65 (new)	115	Currency 6s	115¾
STATE BONDS.			
Missouris	93	Virginias, old	47
Tennessees, old	75¾	North Carolinas, old	32
Tennessees, new	75	North Carolinas, new	21¾
Virginias, new	50		

STOCKS.			
Canton	103	St. Paul pfd	74¼
W. U. Tel	78¼	Wabash	69¾
Quicksilver	45¾	Wabash pfd	77
Adams Express	91¾	Fort Wayne	92
Wells Fargo	86¾	Terre	18
American Express	70	Chic	76
United States Ex	77¾	Chic	108¼
Pacific Mail	88¾	C. &	113
New York Central	95¾	O. &	43¾
Erie	55¾	C.	92
Erie pfd	73	C.	121
Harlem	114¾	La	89¾
Harlem pfd	125	In	81¾
Michigan Central	114	U	94
Pittsburgh	87	U	84¾
Northwestern	68¾	U	85¾
N. W. pfd	86¾	C	100
Rock Island	108¾	T	96¾
N. J. Cen	101¾	[illegible]	1
St. Paul	61¾		

Foreign

LIVERPOOL, Nov. 21—11 [illegible]—winter, 11s 4d@11s 8d [illegible] white, 12s 4d@12s 6d; club, [illegible]. Pork, 56s. Lard, 30s.

LIVERPOOL, Nov. 21—1 [illegible]

LIVERPOOL, Nov. 21—Breadstuffs firmer. Flour, 25s. Wheat—winter, 11s 4d@12s; white, 12s 4d@12s 6d; club, 12s 4d. Corn, 28s 9d.

LIVERPOOL, Nov. 21—[illegible]

LIVERPOOL, Nov. 21—5 p. m.—Breadstuffs firmer. Wheat, 92¾; account, 92¾; five-twenties of 1865, 93¾; ten-forties, 87¾; [illegible]

Bullion in the Bank of England decreased £1,184,000. The approaching bank statement will probably show a decrease of £1,000,000. The [illegible] to be favorable, causes the [illegible] to be firmer.

LIVERPOOL, Nov. 21—Breadstuffs firmer. Tallow, 4s@4d.

PARIS, Nov. 21.—Rentes, 97 centimes.

LIVERPOOL, Nov. 21—Cotton—Market unchanged. Sales of 12,000 bales, including 2,000 bales for speculation and export, at [illegible]

Breadstuffs firm; [illegible] quality, 12s 6d@13s; [illegible] spring, 11s 4d@11s 8d; [illegible] 7d; 3m's, 57s; [illegible] 4d; 3m's, 58s; bacon unchanged.

Buffalo Stock Market.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 21.—CATTLE—The receipts today, on account of stock trains on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway, were only 60 head, making only 200 cars since Monday, or 300 cars against 400 cars yesterday at ⅛@¼ off. The market was moderately active. The scarcity of cars for the transportation of cattle purposes retards trade. As the weather will be on the change to-day, it is hoped the trains will be on time. To-day every available car will be required for the transportation of cattle. The receipts in the last 24 hours were 1,491 head, as follows: 597 droves prime to medium quality, and but few disposed of. Sales: 597 Indiana steers, averaging 1,491 lbs, at $5.15@5.87½; 1,408 Illinois steers, averaging 1,414 lbs, at $5.75@5.87½; 36 Illinois stock steers, averaging 1,009 lbs, at $5.00; 65 Ohio steers, averaging 1,099 to 1,322 lbs, at $5.62½@6.50.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts to-day, 2,000, making the total for the week thus far 7,600, against 14,000 the same week last week. Market lively; ¼@¾c advance over last week's closing prices. Western sheep, $4.75@5.75. Sales of 168 Canada sheep and lambs at $5.40 to $7.00; 1,107 Canada sheep, av 120 to 140 lbs, at $5.50@6.00; 393 Michigan sheep, av 94 to 100 lbs, at $6.12½@6.62½.

HOGS—Receipts to-day, 1,400 head, making the total for the week thus far 16,500, against 20,400 the same time last week. Market dull at yesterday's prices. There was difficulty in shipping, with a large accumulation of medium sized hogs, which are unsalable. This accumulation is hung off, and sales are confined principally to local packers. Light hogs, not exceeding 200 lbs, suitable for New York trade, and heavy stock, 200 lbs and upwards, for the Boston market, are in good request at prices ranging from $4.25 to $4.45. Medium sized hogs are a drug on the market. Sales of $5,000 Ohio and Michigan hogs, 200 to 280 lbs, at $4.25@4.40, choice lots are a shade higher; 1 lot Canada sold at $4.12½; 140 select Ohio hogs, 191 lbs, at $4.40; 28 Ohio do, 206 lbs, at $4.38.

New York Live Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—CATTLE—There were 1,900 cattle to-day; 64 cars at Hundredth street, 22 at Communipaw, and 12 at Weehawken. The stock was generally late and of poor quality, and the market unsatisfactory, though no lower. Prime stock are fully as high as on Monday, a few head of 12 cwt not extra fine selling at 14¼c; fat steers generally, 13½@13¾c; steers, 12½c; and Texans, 9¼@10c. Sales: 2 cars extra Illinois corn-fed, 5¾ cwt, 11¼c; 56 lbs ⊕ cwt, with 16 cars ordinary 5¾ cwt, 9¼c; 65 lbs ⊕ cwt, and 5 cars mountain Virginia cows, 6 cwt, 6¾c; 56 lbs ⊕ cwt. The supply thus far this week is 8,300, against 8,400 last week. There will be quite a run to-morrow.

SHEEP—Received to-day, 8,900, and 21,

MONEY AND COMMERCE.

MONETARY.

THURSDAY EVENING, Nov. 21.

In the local money market the stringency continues unabated; the banks have but little spare funds, and are refusing first-class paper every day. There is a great deal of commercial and real estate paper in the open market at rates ranging from 1 to 2 per cent per month. On first-class collaterals money is to be had in some cases at 10 per cent, but in most instances 12 to 15 is the rate paid.

The tightness of the money market for the negotiation of commercial paper is by no means exceptional in the case of Chicago. In New York, the *Journal of Commerce* has for some time quoted money for strictly prime commercial paper at 12 per cent per annum, and the New York *Tribune* of the 19th says the banks "have been crowded with applications for discounts, which they have filled as far as possible. In the outside market the best grades of paper move at upward of 1 per cent a month."

The Philadelphia *Ledger* of the 19th says the banks of that city are "pretty well drained of their cash means," that "call loans range at from 6 to 7½ per cent, and good commercial paper at all points from 7 to 10 per cent. Not well approved paper is quoted at from 1 to 2 per cent a month." These are, proportionately to capital, much higher rates for money in New York and Philadelphia than they are for Chicago, and it appears that the stringency is really greater there than here.

From day to day, for some weeks past, the New York dispatches have referred to considerable amounts of currency coming West. This must be an error, or at least a partial misstatement. No currency has come as far West as Chicago for several weeks. On the contrary, the price of New York exchange here and in other Western cities shows that currency must be flowing from here Eastward, if it is moving either way between the East and West.

New York exchange continues scarce and firm at 75c per $1,000 premium, the prospect also being that the amounts of bills on the market will be further diminished by the close of lake navigation.

Northwestern common stock advanced to 28¾ to-day, being 10 per cent higher than the price on this day of last week, and over 20 per cent higher than the lowest quotations within a month past. The cause of the rise is supposed to be the contest between Tracy and Vanderbilt for the stock to control the election next spring.

RAILROADS AND THEIR POWER.

The great snow storm in Dakota and the Northwest is likely to throw a damper over all the railroad projects in that far wilderness, and, in connection with the recent defaults of interest payments on bonds of several prominent Western railroads, will probably throw a general cloud of discredit over all Western railroad bonds. Within the past month, work on several new roads in Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Kansas has come nearly to a stop for want of funds, in consequence of the failure to negotiate bonds in Europe as the projectors had expected. We hear of new combinations in business here in Chicago, from time to time, arising out of this failure to negotiate bonds, and from the present tendency of events these complications are likely to become more numerous. It is well understood that the roads now being pushed into the wilderness, over a hundred miles beyond any settlements, are being built, in most cases, with the proceeds of the sale of bonds; and it is believed that in many instances even the interest on the bonds is being paid by the sale of more bonds. If, now, the European markets refuse to buy any more bonds to build roads into unknown regions, some of the great projects may come to an untimely end. Further construction would stop in the centre of the continent, where the only westward connection would be a gopher track that has its terminus in a hole in the ground.

THE NATIONAL BANK SYSTEM.

Secretary Boutwell sticks to his scheme of obliging the National Banks to exchange their 6 per cent bonds for 4 and 4½ per cents, and, it is intimated, will urge it in his forthcoming report. There is no doubt that Mr. Boutwell has a considerable party to indorse this idea and urge its adoption by Congress, though it is hardly probable that Congress will undertake to force the National Banks to exchange. But there are ways in which a large proportion of the 5 and 6 per cent debt might be converted into 4 per cent bonds without any such disgraceful manipulation as that resorted to in the Syndicate operation, viz.: Authorize the issue of $1,000,000,000 of 4 per cent bonds on which banking shall be free (that is, without limit to the aggregate volume of circulation). Let these bonds be free of tax, and bank shares so far as invested in the bonds also free of taxes. Retire and destroy greenbacks at the rate of $1 for every $3 increase of National Bank currency. All present banks to be required to conform to the new system within two or three years. While the general features here outlined might be considerably modified, it seems that the main points of any change in the National Currency act should be to break up the present monopoly of bank circulation, and at the same time offer the present banks some inducement to exchange their 5 and 6 per cent bonds into 4 or 4½ per cents. The present National Banks cannot reasonably claim any reduction in their rate of taxation. They are all making money even under present rates of taxation, and have no right to complain. But if free banking were authorized on 4 per cent banking bonds, the taxes on circulation and deposits might be remitted wholly or in part in the case of banks organized on the new basis.

OUR JAPAN TEA TRADE.

We have Messrs. Augustine Heard & Co.'s circular from Yokohama, under date of Oct. 22, in which they say that unfavorable advices from New York have checked operations in the tea trade, and the firmness of holders in Japan favors a falling off in exports. The tea trade at Yokohama, which eight years ago was almost exclusively with Great Britain now comes exclusively to the United States and largely through the port of San Francisco, as shown by the following comparative statement of total exports of tea from that port, in Messrs. A. H. & Co.'s circular.

SEASON.	TO GREAT BRITAIN. Tea, lbs.	TO THE UNITED STATES. Atlantic Ports. Tea, lbs.	To San Francisco. Tea, lbs.
1871-72	.....	9,131,525	1,861,936
1870-71	.....	10,851,136	1,607,135
1869-70	100,093	9,049,306	1,085,106
1868-69	970,256	9,096,438	1,439,650
1867-68	772,332	6,458,295	1,095,976
1866-67	854,500	4,444,545	1,426,584
1865-66	994,362	5,376,594	883,092
1864-65	2,529,956	1,200,289	827,057
1863-64	2,161,399	870,522	393,734

LOCAL STOCK AND BOND MARKET.

Messrs. Linn, Preston & Isaacs quote stocks and bonds in this market this afternoon as follows:

	Buying.	Selling.
U. S. 6s of '81	116	116¾
5-20s of '62, ex. int	112¾	113¼
5-20s of '64, ex. int	113¼	113¾
5-20s of '65, ex. int	113¼	113¾
5-20s of '65, Jan. and July	114¾	114¾
5-20s of '67, Jan. and July	115¼	115¾
5-20s of '68, Jan. and July	114¾	115
10-40s	107¾	108¼
U. S. 5s (new issue), ex. int	109¾	110
U. S. currency 6s	113¾	113¾
Northern Pacific Gold 7-30s	.....	100 and int.
Chicago City 7s	.....	99 and int.
Cook County 7s	.....	99 and int.
Illinois, County and Township 10s	93@95	.....
Sterling Exchange, (large drafts)	.....	108¾@110¾

REAL ESTATE.

The following instruments were filed for record on Thursday, Nov. 21:

CITY PROPERTY.

West Randolph st, between Morgan and Carpenter sts, s f, 25x100 ft, with buildings, dated Nov. 20; consideration, $5,500.

Lot 36, of Lots 39 to 67, in Block 21, in Sec 7, 39, 14, with buildings, dated Nov. 19; consideration, $1,825.

West Lake st, between Halsted and Union sts, s f, 22x100 ft, also Lot 7, in Block 2 of Block 29, Sec 7, 39, 14, with improvements, dated Nov. 12; consideration, $15,000.

West Washington st, between Lincoln and Wood sts, n f, Lot 1 and e 4 ft of Lot 2, dated Nov. 1; consideration, $12,000.

Lots 6 and 7, of Lot 8, and Lots 15 of Lots 3 and 4, all in Block 28, of 2 ½ Sec 29, 39, 14, dated Nov. 13; consideration, $2,500.

Sedgwick st, between Wisconsin and Centre sts, e f, 25 ft to alley, dated April 1; consideration, $1,300.

Main st, between Thirty-first and Wrong sts, w f, 25 ft to alley, dated Oct. 31; consideration, $450.

Main st, between Thirty-first and Wrong sts, w f, 25 ft to alley, dated Oct 7; consideration, $450.

Wabash av, 99 ft s of Thirty-second st, e f, 50x184½ ft, dated Nov. 19; consideration, $5,000.

Lot 8 of Campbell's Lots 9 and 15, in Block 8, Rockwell's Addition, with improvements, dated Nov. 13; consideration, $4,800.

Undivided ½ of Lots 20 and 21 in Haygood's Lots 1 and 2, Block 9 Sheffield's Addition, dated Nov. 18; consideration, $1,500.

Lots 20 and 21 in same, dated Nov. 20; consideration, $5,000.

Lot 43, in Block 64, Sec 18, 39, 14, dated Nov. 18; consideration, $300.

Indiana av, near Thirty-fourth st, w f, 24 ft to alley, dated Oct. 2; consideration, $8,500.

Prairie av, bet Twenty-second and Bay streets, e f, Lot 5, dated June 21; consideration, $1,500.

Sub Lot 24, of Lots 155 and 156, in Butterfield's Addition, dated Oct 31; consideration, $1,200.

Evans st, bet Oakley st and Western av, n f, 50x125 ft, dated Nov. 19; consideration, $700.

Sub Lot 8, of S ½ Lots 14 and 15, in Block 3, Rockwell's Addition, dated Nov. 19; consideration, $1,350.

Marion st, s e corner of "Lake st, e f, 201 ft to River, dated Oct. 24; consideration, $90,000.

Spring st, bet Wentworth av and Railroad, n f, 400 ft, dated Nov. 1; consideration, $3,000.

Lot 27, in Block of Morgan's, e ½ Block 10, Sheffield's Addition, dated Sept. 30; consideration, $3,500.

NORTH OR CITY LIMITS.

Lots 1 and 2, in Block 3, Ravenswood, dated Nov. 19; consideration, $500.

Lot 1, of Sec 25, 40, 13, dated Nov. 14; consideration, $60,000.

SOUTH OR CITY LIMITS.

Lots 13, 14, 35, and 36, in Block 1, in Wright & Winslow's sw ¼ of se ¼ of nw ¼ Sec 9, 38, 14, dated Nov. 14; consideration, $1,600.

Lots 6 to 9, in Ovitt's Lots 29 to 33, in Dobbin's n ½ se ¼ of ne ¼ Sec 3, 38, 14, dated Nov. 1; consideration, $4,000.

Lot 25, in Block 6, of Pryor & Hopkin's w ½ of nw ¼ Sec 9, 38, 14, dated Oct. 1; consideration, $4,000.

Lots 1, 2, 23 and 24, in Block 4, same Subdivision, dated Oct. 1; consideration, $13,500.

Lots 19 to 21, in Block 1, of Jennings' Subdivision of Jennings & Monell's south 60 acres of s ½ sw ¼ Sec 10, 38, 14, dated Oct. 1; consideration, $11,250.

Lots 1 to 8, and 22 to 24, in Block 8, of same Subdivision, dated Oct. 1; consideration, $4,610.

COMMERCIAL.

THURSDAY EVENING, Nov. 21.

The following were the receipts and shipments of the leading articles of produce in this city during the past twenty-four hours; and for the corresponding date a year ago:

	RECEIPTS. 1872.	1871.	SHIPMENTS. 1872.	1871.
Flour, brls	5,720	3,754	6,107	1,604
Wheat, bu	90,560	31,330	66,993	57,709
Corn, bu	30,105	190,500	72,067	130,392
Oats, bu	15,870	40,467	22,291	52,389
Rye, bu	3,212	2,309	1,521	1,315
Barley, bu	27,340	29,262	20,177	3,999
Grass seed, lbs	80,005	74,716	27,580	35,302
Flax seed, bu	.....	.....	42,200	.....
Broom corn, lbs	28,400	92,350	20,857	16,158
Cured meats, lbs	49,470	56,270	927,300	408,177
Beef, brls	210	1,702	393	1,340
Pork, brls	.....	.....	1,821	.....
Lard, lbs	4,350	17,746	171,185	422,002
Tallow, lbs	24,800	63,325	48,000	.....
Butter, lbs	59,503	62,810	40,000	3,970
Dressed hogs, No.	93	95	5	.....
Live hogs, No.	17,618	13,806	3,356	2,902
Cattle, No.	3,103	2,478	1,180	797
Sheep, No.	1,465	226	370	.....
Hides, lbs	25,792	24,903	225,881	61,310
Highwines, brls	116	213	515	360
Wool, lbs	34,410	25,160	76,300	37,449
Potatoes, bu	515	1,903	.....	51
Lumber, m feet	1,196	3,242	1,197	1,083
Shingles, m	1,656	2,480	697	396
Lath, m	320	85	131	68
Salt, brls	.....	.....	732	2,566

Withdrawn from store yesterday for city consumption: 1,584 bu wheat; 3,210 bu corn; 8,306 bu oats; 230 bu rye; 4,808 bu barley.

The following grain has been inspected into store this morning, up to 10 o'clock: 111 cars wheat; 94 cars corn; 20 cars oats; 11 cars rye; 51 cars barley. Total, 287 cars, or 110,000 bu.

It is understood that a few members of the Board of Trade met yesterday afternoon and resolved to prefer charges against Munn & Scott, before the Board of Directors. They adjourned to meet this afternoon for the purpose of preparing the charges. We may here note that our remarks of yesterday were written under the impression that no member of the Board cared to take the trouble of preferring such charges. We know that several of those who are usually regarded as leaders had declined to have anything to do with it. Of course, now that the conduct of Munn & Scott is about to be investigated by their late associates, it is only fair to leave it in the hands of the Directors, who will undoubtedly do their full duty in hearing both sides, and report to the full Board for its action.

We are glad to be able to announce that Flint, Thompson & Co., the proprietors of the Rock Island elevators, have announced their intention to weigh up all the grain in their houses at the close of this month; to take accurate account of all their grain paper that is outstanding at the same time, and publish the statement as soon thereafter as it can be made up. They will also invite the Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners, and the Directors of the Board of Trade, each to send one or more representatives to watch the process of weighing, and to examine their books, so as to satisfy themselves as to the accuracy of the statement; to the end that there may be no possible doubt in regard to the position of the firm with reference to the grain-holding portion of the community.

It is understood that the Messrs. Buckingham intend to take account of stock of the grain in the Central Elevators about the same time, and that they will probably agree to make a statement of condition at the same time, though they have not yet given the explicit promise to do so. George Armour & Co. are doing their best to prepare a similar statement for the houses of which they have recently assumed the control, and will undoubtedly publish a statement as soon as possible, though no one can tell just when that will be, as the books of Munn & Scott had not been posted for four months preceding the date of the transfer, and afford no clue to the extent of their liabilities on grain paper. A similar statement is scarcely required for the new Air Line elevator, as that has only been open for a short time, and has done very little business, owing to the fact that they were obliged to suspend while they were putting in new foundations. The Hough Elevator and the one built by Vincent, Nelson & Co., are just getting ready to start fair. We have not heard from Armour, Dole & Co.; but presume that they would offer no objection to making a statement, if requested to do. There will thus be very little trouble in obtaining the required information in regard to the standing of our grain warehouses. There is no reasonable ground for doubting that they are all right; but it will be much better to have the figures than to "walk by faith" any longer, with an enormous defalcation fresh in our memories. It is pleasant to know that the warehousemen fully recognize this as necessary to a restoration of the confidence that was so rudely destroyed by Munn & Scott. We do not want to characterize our grain warehousemen as immaculate; but there is no harm in saying that one and all feel that the business has been disgraced by the men with whom they associated, and for whom they apologized so long, believing them to be simply unfortunate, not dishonest. It is equally certain that if they will now come out before the world and make a clear statement of condition, the commercial community will be satisfied, and they will receive the confidence of the Northwest in a much fuller measure than ever before. We scarcely need to reiterate that with the present system of registering the receipts for grain as fast as issued, and cancelling them when the grain is shipped out, it would be next to impossible to go extensively wrong in the future; and everybody will be satisfied that, if they only start right, they will keep right.

We note that some people are talking about extensive changes in the Warehouse law. Some think the present law is worse than useless, and ought to be abolished; while others profess to desire that it should be made much more stringent than it is. The truth is that the present law has never been tested. The warehousemen long since admitted that they were willing to act under it, and to take out licenses, but for the one thing—it assumes to fix the compensation of the warehousemen. They have been advised that that section of the law is unconstitutional, and claim that they *cannot* operate under it. For instance, the books of one firm, untouched by the fire, show that during the past eight years they have stored an average of 5,500,000 bu of grain per annum, the first storage of 5c on which amounts to $110,000 per year. Their rent and operating expenses have averaged $115,000 per year, leaving $5,000 and their profits to be made up from the extra storage, which amounts to very little except during the winter months. They admit having made a fair profit at the storage rates they have charged; but an examination of the books shows that they would lose heavily on the same business if they charged only the rates allowed by the Warehouse law passed two years ago.

We state this as their position, and the reason which they claim to be the only one that has prevented them from taking out a license. In any future legislation the practicability of a proposed measure as well as its constitutionality should be fairly considered.

At the next meeting of the packer's club, C. M. Culbertson, Esq., is expected to present an essay on "What I know about combinations at the Stock Yards."

THE MARKETS.

The leading produce markets were moderately active to-day, and the prices of yesterday were generally well sustained, while a substantial advance was effected in some departments. The receipts of grain continue light, and were still exceeded by the shipments, notwithstanding the dullness in lake freights, so that our stocks in store are small, and give considerable uneasiness to the short interest, lest they should be caught in a trap of their own setting. There was a fair movement in staple and fancy groceries, and the general market exhibited a firm, healthy tone. Dry goods were quoted reasonably active, with prices firm, both for cotton and woollen textiles. The butter and cheese markets underwent no noticeable change in tone or in prices. Trade was reported slack at 7@26c for the former, and at 18@15½c for the latter. Coal remains firm and unchanged. In the fish market only a moderate amount of business was done, and prices were steady. Dried fruits were firm as previously quoted. Hay was stronger, under light receipts, but not quotably higher. Hides remain quiet. There was no material change in the oil, paints, tobacco and wood markets. A fair amount of business was transacted at the lumber yards, at the prevailing prices. Sash, doors and blinds are in very good demand. Prices are unchanged. Iron, steel, the metals, and nails were moderately active, former quotations being sustained. Building materials were in reasonably fair demand, although the call for brick is limited, the building season being about over. Cooperage was in light request at former prices. Salt was firm and unchanged. Broom corn continues to rule quiet, with prices nominally unchanged. Hops were in light request and steady at 15@30c for common to prime Western. Wool was in fair request. Stocks in the country are moving quite freely. Prices are advanced from 3 to 7 cents. Seeds were quiet and firm; prime timothy quotable at $2.20; clover, $4.90@5.15 for fair to prime. Potatoes were in good demand and firmer; Early Rose is quotable at 40@65c in car lots, with very few offerings. Dressed poultry and chickens are in large supply and light demand at former prices. Prairie chickens are higher, other varieties of game were unchanged. Venison was plenty, and quotable at 20c for haunch. Eggs were quiet at 25@27c. Apples in fair local demand; orders from the country are withheld until warmer weather. Cranberries were in fair request. Grapes were quiet and unchanged.

Highwines were more active, and quoted firm at the prices of the past few days, closing steady. Sales were reported of 300 brls at 89c per gallon.

Lake freights were dull, and 1c lower, there being very little demand for the few vessels offered. Carriers early asked 12c on corn, and 15c on wheat by sail to Buffalo, but finally accepted 10c and 11c. A total of 4 charters was reported, which will carry out 28,000 bu wheat and 62,000 bu corn. The season of navigation is nearly over.

Foreign freight rates are thus quoted: Chicago to Liverpool, 91@91½c ₱ 100 lbs (gold) on beef and pork; 90c@1.05¼ on lard; 95c on flour. Chicago to Glasgow, 91½c on beef; 93c on pork; 97c on bacon and lard.

Provisions were more active, and averaged a shade higher, in sympathy with a firmer feeling in live hogs at the Stock Yards. Mess pork was quiet and steady, except that some of the more deferred options were nominally 5c per brl lower. Lard was firm for present delivery, and stronger for future, being in good demand. Meats were irregular; hams were firmer and wanted, while some meats were dull. The weather is now favorable for packing, and this week's exhibit of work will probably make a large addition to our total thus far for the season; yet packers were not offering product freely, as they think that a higher range of prices will be established before long. The market closed at the following range of prices: Mess pork, old held at $14.50@15.00; new pork, $13.00@13.25; do seller the month nominal at $13.00; do seller December, $12.25@12.40; do seller January, $12.20@12.25; do seller February, $12.25@12.30; do seller March, $12.87½@12.50; do seller April, $12.25@12.50. Lard, cash, 7¼@7¾c for new; do seller December, 7¾c; do seller January, 7¾c; do seller February, 7¾@7¾c; do seller March, 7¾@8c. Sweet pickled hams, 9¾@10¾c, and green hams at 7½@7¾c for present delivery; or seller November, 7¾@8c; 7¾c seller December or January. Green shoulders, 8¾@8¾c; do rough sides, 5¾@5½c; do short ribs, 6c; do short clear, 6¼@6¾c; meats, 15 to 20 days in salt, quotable at 4¾c for shoulders, 6½c for short ribs, and 6¾@6¾c for short clear. Boxed shoulders, seller December, quoted at 5c. English meats for delivery in December and January, 5¾c for shoulders, 6¾c for short ribs, or long clear; 6¾c for short clear; 8¾@8¾c for long cut hams. Mess beef, $8.50@9.00; extra mess do, $9.50@10.00; beef hams, $29.00@30.00. City tallow, 8@8¼c; grease quotable at 5¼@6¾c. Sales were reported of 70 brls mess pork at $13.00; 1,000 brls do, seller January, at $12.25; 150 tcs kettled lard at 7¾c; 250 tcs lard, seller January, at 7¾c; 250 do seller February, at 7¾c; 250 tcs do, seller March, at 7¾c; 50 boxes shoulders, 20 days old, at 4¾c; 20,000 lbs rough sides, 15 days old, at Eureka, at 5¾c; 20,000 lbs short ribs at 6¾c; 40,000 lbs do, 15 days old, at 6¾c; 100 boxes do, 15 to 20 days old, at 8¾c; 600 boxes long clear at 6¾c; 50 boxes do, 20 days old, at 6¾c; 250 boxes do, seller to Dec. 15, at 6¾c; 250 boxes short clear at 6¾c; 100 boxes do, seller to Dec. 20, at 6¾c; 350 boxes do, seller first half January, at 6¾c; 5,000 lbs sugar-cured bacon hams at 12c; 3,000 pcs and 20,000 lbs green hams at 8c; 20,000 lbs do at 7¾c; 40,000 lbs do at 7¾c; 6,000 pcs and 40,000 lbs (16 lbs) at 7¾c; 40,000 lbs do (17 lbs) at 7c; 50 tcs sweet pickled hams at 10c; 100 brls extra mess beef at $10.00; 25 brls mess beef at $8.50; 50 tcs yellow grease at 6c.

Dressed hogs were in rather better supply for the street, but none are yet sold on 'Change. Quotations are $4.60@5.00 per 100 lbs, for fair to choice.

Flour was more active, and decidedly stronger, dealers being able to realize without trouble the asking prices of yesterday, which in some cases was 20@25c advance. The demand was principally for shipment—good spring extras. Flour is reported quite scarce at Milwaukee, at $33.00, del; Racine, $30.00 del; Hinsdale, $25.00, del; fire clay, per brl, $4.00@5.00. The following is the list of prices per box of 50 feet, for domestic window glass, from which a reduction of 40 per cent is made by dealers:

Size of glass.	First quality.	Double strength.
6x 8 to 7x 9	$ 5.75	$ 8.00
7x10 to 8x10	6.50	9.00
8x11 to 10x13	7.00	9.50
8x14 to 10x15	7.50	11.00
10x14 to 12x18	8.00	13.00
14x16 to 16x20	8.50	15.00
14x22 to 16x24	9.00	17.00
18x22 to 18x30	10.50	18.50
20x26 to 24x30	12.00	20.00
24x28 to 24x36	13.00	22.00
26x30 to 26x40	14.00	24.00
28x34 to 28x44	15.00	26.00
28x46 to 30x48	16.00	27.00
30x50 to 32x52	.....	30.00
32x54 to 34x56	.....	34.00
34x58 to 34x60	.....	38.00
36x60 to 40x60	.....	40.00

CHEESE—The cheese trade was again reported dull, and prices were easy at the decline noted yesterday. We repeat our list as follows: New York factory, 14½@15½c; Ohio factory, 13@14c; Western factory, 13@14c.

COAL—The demand for this commodity continues active, and prices are firm at the late advance. We quote: Anthracite, lump, $13.00; Lehigh, prepared, $12.00; Lackawanna, $11.00@12.00; Erie, $10.50@11.00; Briar Hill, $10.50@11.00; Walnut Hill, $11.00; Blossburg, $10.50; Cherry Mine, $9.00; Hocking Valley, $9.50; Canal Coal, $9.50; Minonk, $8.00; Wilmington, $4.00@5.00.

CANNED GOODS—Continue in good request at the prices given below:

Peaches, 2 lb	$2.00@2.25
Peaches, 3 lb	2.25@2.50
Pears, 2 lb	2.25@2.50
Plums, damsons, 2 lb	2.25@2.50
Plums, green gages, 2 lb	3.00@3.50
Quinces, 2 lb	2.75@3.00
Strawberries, 2 lb	2.50@2.75
Raspberries	2.00@2.50
Blackberries, 2 lb	2.00@2.25
Gooseberries, 2 lb	2.25@2.50
Tomatoes, 2 lb	2.15@2.25
Tomatoes, 3 lb	2.60@2.70
Corn, Elgin	2.80@3.00
Corn, Benton Harbor	2.65@2.80
Corn, Yarmouth	2.50@3.00
Peas, 2 lb	3.00@3.50
Lima beans, 2 lb	2.60@2.70
Succotash, 2 lb	2.75
Lobster, 1 lb	2.50
Lobster, 1 lb	2.35@2.50
Oysters, 2 lb	2.25
Oysters, 1lb	1.25

COOPERAGE—There was some inquiry for packers' goods, with ample offerings. Prices continue to rule steady, as follows: Pork barrels, $1.45@1.50; lard tierces, $1.75@1.85; whiskey barrels, $2.15@2.25; flour barrels, 80@85c; staves and headings, $17.00@20.00 for pork barrels; flour staves, $9.00@9.00; circle flour headings, 80@90c ₱ set; flour hoop poles, $14.00@20.00 ₱ m; pork and tierce poles, $38.00@40.00 ₱ m; whiskey barrel staves, $23.00@27.00 ₱ m; 2 sets (colnds 2 cars) hard tierces at $1.62½.

CALIFORNIA FRUITS—Continue to meet with a moderate inquiry at former prices. We quote: Pears at $3.50@4.50; grapes, 20@30c.

PROVISIONS—The offerings were liberal, and there was a moderate inquiry on local account. Fresh quotable at 25@27c; pickled at 20@23c. Sales include 40 cases at 27c; 1,400 doz and 75 cases at 26c; 500 doz at 25c; 500 doz pickled at 25c; 600 doz do at 22c; 10 pkgs do at 20c.

FEATHERS—Were in fair supply and very good request, both on local and mail order account. Prices are unchanged, and quotable as follows: Prime live geese at 65@66c from first hands; jobbing price, 72@75c for assorted feathers; mixed, 25@30c, according to quality; chickes, 8@9c. Sales include 10 sacks prime at 68c.

FISH—The fish trade was quiet and prices were steady and firm at the annexed quotations: No. 1 whitefish, $3.00@3.25; No. 2, $4.75@5.00; No. 1, trout, $4.85@4.75; No. 1 shore mackerel, $11.00@11.25; No. 1 bay, $8.50@8.75; bay mackerel, $7.00@7.25; No. 2 shore, kits, $1.85@1.90; bank codfish, $5.50@5.75; George's cod-fish, $6.50@6.75; box herring, No. 1, 30@35c; box herring, scaled, 42@45c; Columbia River salmon, new, half brls, $10.00@10.25.

FRUITS AND NUTS—Business in this department was only fair and former rates were unchanged. We quote: Dates, 8@9c; figs, old, drums, 12@13c; do new, 16@17c; figs, bags, 18@19c; Turkey prunes, 1872, 10¼@11c; do 1871, 9@9c; raisins, old, $1.35@2.40; raisins, new, $1.70@2.00; blackberries, new, 11@12c; raspberries, 33@35c; mixed cherries, 33@35c; peaches, 33@35c; pitted cherries, halves, 64@67c; do, mixed, 62@65c; Zante currants, 1872, 9¼@10c; do 1871, 8@8½c; apples, Southern, new, 5@6½c; do Western, 7@7½c; Michigan, 7½@8c; Illinois, 7½@8c; Missouri, 7½@8c; almonds, Tarragona, 22c; English walnuts, 14@15c; Naples walnuts, 18@20c; Brazil Maribbo, Texas, 10@12c; Atrican peanuts, 5c; Wilmington peanuts, 6c; Tennessee peanuts, 6c.

GAME—Was in very good demand for shipment. Prairie chickens were very scarce and firmer. Other varieties steady as yesterday's prices. Sales include 3 doz prairie chickens at $5.50; 5 doz do at $5.55; 15 doz do at $4.00; 40 doz quail at $2.12½; 68 doz do at $2.00; 7 doz mallard ducks at $3.00@3.50; 20 do canvas backs at $1.60 each; 30 venison hams at 20c ₱ ℔; 6 carcasses do at 12½c; 1 do at 12c.

GREEN FRUITS—A fair local and interior demand exists, but the danger of freezing prevents shipments. We quote choice apples at $4.00@5.00 in car lots, and $2.75@3.50 in small lots from store. Grapes were in fair request, with ample offerings. Choice cultivated quotable at $16.50@18.00 per brl; wild, $6.00@8.00. Grapes were in small request at $3.00@3.50 per case. Sales include 1 car fair apples at $2.75, on track; 180 brls at $3.00@3.50; 50 brls do at $2.50@3.00; 60 brls cultivated cranberries at $10.00@11.00; 12 brls do at $9.50; 19 brls wild at $6.50; 20 crates pears at $3.00; 14x30, $16.00; do, rounting, IC, $16.00.

PIG TIN—Large, 43c; small, 44c; bar, 43c.

SHEET ZINC—Full casks, 11½c; half casks, 11¾c, less quantity, 12c; slab, 9c.

SHOT—Buckshot, No. 3A, 7¾c rates.

COPPER—Copper bottoms, 48c; planished, over 12 lbs, 47c; tinned copper, 43c.

WINE—2 to 3, 8c; 4, 8, and 9, 10c; 10 to 11, 11c; 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16, 12c; 17, 15 and 16, 14c; 17, 15c; 18, 16c; 19, 19c; 20, 20c; full bundle, 15 per cent discount; fence wire, 8c.

NAILS—Were in moderate demand, former prices being sustained. The supply is not large but ample. We quote: 10d per keg, $6.12½@6.25; 8d do, 6.37½@6.50; 6d do, $6.62½@6.75; 4d do, $6.87½@7.00; 3d do, $7.37½@7.75 for cut; 10d per keg, $6.87½@7.00; 8d do, $7.00@7.25; clinch, $8.50@8.62½. 12½ off to the trade.

NAVAL STORES—Were rather quiet. Prices were without variable change. We continue to quote:

Manilla rope, ₱ lb	18 @ 19
Sisal do	17 @ 17
Hemp sash cord, ₱ lb	20 @ 23
Marline, ₱ lb	20 @ 23
Tarred rope, ₱ lb	17 @ 19
Oakum, ₱ brl	5.00 @ 6.25
Pitch, ₱ brl	6.00 @ 7.00
Tar, ₱ brl	6.00 @ 6.50

OILS—Remain quiet and comparatively steady at the following range of prices: Carbon, 27½@28c; extra land oil, 75c; No. 1, 70c; No. 2, 65c; linseed, raw, 85c; do boiled, 90c; whale, 86c; sperm, $2.00@3.10; neats' foot oil, strictly pure, $1.10; do extra, $1.00; do No. 1, 90@95c; bank oil, 65c; straits, 70c; elephant oil, 95c; turpentine, 70@72c.

PAINTS, COLORS, AND PUTTY—The demand for this line of goods was small, and the market was easy at the prices given below:

WHITE LEAD.

Strictly pure	$ 11.50
Fancy brands	10.50@11.00

ZINC.

Genuine Vielle Montagne	14.50
American	12.50
Snow white	11.00

COLOR.

Railroad colors	11.50
Rochelle ochre	4.00
English Venetian red	4.00
English orange mineral	15.00@16.00
English red lead	13.50
American red lead	11.50
Paris white	4.00
Whiting	2.00

PUTTY.

In bulk	3½c
In bladders	4c

POULTRY—Dressed turkeys and chickens are in abundant supply, and the demand is of a limited character. Prices ranges about the same as yesterday. We note sales of 95 doz dressed chickens at $3.25@3.50; 40 doz do at $1.00@3.00; 18 doz do at $2.50; 7 coops live turkeys at 50@55c; 1,800 lbs dressed turkeys at 12½c; 800 lbs do at 12c; 680 lbs do at 11½c; 200 lbs do at 10c; 4 doz ducks dressed at $3.50; 3 doz geese at $11.00; 1 coop geese at $11.00.

POTATOES—The receipts of potatoes continue light, and there was a very good demand for choice varieties. We quote: Early rose sold quotable at 60@65c on track. Potatoes sell from store at 60@75c. Sales include 1 car choice peachblows at 65c on track; 200 bu choice do from store at 70@75c; 200 bu do at 80c.

SWEET POTATOES—Were in fair request at $3.50@4.00. Sales include 25 brls at $4.00; 30 brls do at $3.90.

SALT—Under a fair demand and limited shipping, the market continues firm at present rates. We quote: Onondaga, fine, $2.25; ordinary, coarse, $2.25; Saginaw, fine, $2.95; coarse Diamond C, $2.95; dairy, without bag, $8.00; do, with bags, $4.00; ground solar, $2.25; Ashton, do, $2.50; Higgins' dairy, $4.00; Turk's Island, $2.50.

SASH DOORS AND BLINDS—A very good demand exists for these goods. Prices continue to rule steady at previous quotations:

DOORS PANEL DOORS, RAISED PANELS BOTH SIDES.

Thickness.	Size.	Price.
1 3-16	2x 6 by 6x 8	$2.90
1 3-16	2x 6 by 6x 8	2.90
1 3-8	2x 6 by 6x 6	2.75
1 3-8	2x10 by 6x10	3.25
1 3-16	2x10 by 6x10	3.25

DOORS—TWO PANEL.

1 3-16	2x6 by 6x8
1 3-16	2x8 by 6x8
1 3-8	2x6 by 6x8
1 3-8	2x8 by 6x8

OUTSIDE BLINDS.

Thickness.	Size.	Price.
1 3-16	8x10	$1.75
1 3-16	9x12	2.05
1 3-16	10x12	2.05

PLAIN BALL SASH.

Size of glass.	Thickness.	Sizes of 12-light window.	Price per window.
8x10	1 3-16 in	2x 3¼ by 3x9¼	40c
9x12	1 3-16 in	2x 7 by 4x8	57c
10x12	1 3-16 in	2x 7 by 4x8	57c
10x12	1 3-16 in	2x10 by 4x8	57c
10x14	1 3-16 in	2x10 by 5x2	64c
9x14	1 3-8 in	2x 7 by 5x2	80c
10x14	1 3-8 in	2x10 by 5x2	80c

SEEDS—Were quiet but firm, as very little prime seed was offered. Prime timothy quotable at $2.90; clover, $5.10@5.15; 7 sacks sold at $5.20; flax, was in fair request at $1.85 for prime. Sales include 50 sacks timothy at $2.75; 45 sacks common at $2.65; 7 bags clover at $5.20; 19 bags do at $5.10; 9 bags at $5.00 10 do at $4.92½; 240 bags flax at $1.85.

SPICES—Remain comparatively steady at the annexed prices: Hyson, common to fair, 25@35c; good, 40@50c; choice to extra, $1.00@1.20; superfine to fine old hyson 75c@1.00; common imperial 65@75c; good to choice do, 80c@$1.00; fine to good gunpowder, 80c@$1.00; choice do, $1.15@1.30; extra, $1.35@1.50; common to extra Japan, 90c@$1.05; fair to good do, 60@90c; colored natural leaf Japan, 55@65; common to f

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REBUILT.

The Demolished Piers at Ogden Ditch and the Despicable River Rendered Navigable--People Again Rendered Happy.

PROPOSALS.

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For Material, and Work thereof Required, in the Construction of the Cook County Criminal Court Building.

FOREIGN.

The Entanglement in the French Government Still Continues.

The "Extreme Left" Wants the National Assembly Dissolved.

The Chief Actors in the Recent Polynesian Kidnapping to be Hung.

Annexation Feeling in Canada.

FRANCE.

PARIS, Nov. 20—Evening.—The committee to draw up the address in reply to the message of Thiers on the opening of the Assembly, the appointment of which was moved by Deputy Lerdre, has been instructed by the Assembly to inquire into the intentions of President Thiers, who will probably attend a meeting of the committee to-morrow. All the different parties in the Assembly are holding a private consultation. Thiers will have another conference to-morrow with a delegation from the factions of the Left.

PARIS, Nov. 20—Midnight, via London, Nov. 21—6 a. m.—Marshal MacMahon refuses the Presidency in case M. Thiers should resign.

LONDON, Nov. 21—Morning.—A despatch has been received here from New York, announcing the report current there of the resignation of President Thiers, and other changes in the Government of France. The report is false. Up to this hour there has not been even a rumor of the resignation of Thiers. The Associated Press despatches have given a full history of the current events in France, and, because of the threatening situation in France, as shown by them, the false report of yesterday was probably manufactured entirely in New York.

PARIS, Nov. 21.—President Thiers will not appear to-day before the Committee appointed to draw up an address in reply to his message at the opening of the National Assembly. He will, however, attend the meeting of the Committee to-morrow.

VERSAILLES, Nov. 21.—In the Assembly this afternoon Deputy Pascal-Duprat introduced a bill for the restoration to the Orleans family of their property confiscated in 1852.

The trial by jury bill passed by a vote of 461 to 178.

The Committee on the Address in reply to the President's message has had two long sittings since its organization. The proceedings are secret.

PARIS, Nov. 21.—Evening.—At a meeting of the Deputies of the Left Centre, to-day, the Committee which had been appointed to draw up a platform of policy made their report. They recommended the support of the party in the Assembly the following measures: The appointment of a Parliamentary Committee of Thirty to deliberate upon and report to the Assembly the organic laws best fitted to insure the working of the legal Government of the Republic; the prolongation of President Thiers' term of office four years; the nomination of a Vice President; the creation of a second Chamber; the partial or complete renewal of the Assembly; Ministerial responsibility; and the general harmonizing of republican institutions.

The report was unanimously adopted.

The members of the extreme Left indorse the declaration of Gambetta that the dissolution of the National Assembly is the sole remedy for present difficulties.

PARIS, Nov. 21.—The payment of the third milliard of the war indemnity has been completed. France will have half a milliard more ready by the 11th of December.

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, Nov. 21.—Robert Bowles was arraigned to-day before the Lord Mayor, on the charge of fraudulently converting 300 debentures of the Lombardy & Venice Railway. Despuol, a banker of Naples, is the prosecutor. Bowles was remanded for further examination on Tuesday next.

The barks Samuel Larrabee, from Savannah, Ga., for Bremen, and the Lanecrest, from Baltimore, for Belfast, have been lost at sea, together with all on board.

LONDON, Nov. 21—6 a. m.—The trouble with the metropolitan police continues. Seven Bow street constables and thirty-nine Kensington officers have been dismissed from the service.

LONDON, Nov. 21.—Field Marshal Sir William Maynard Gomm was installed, to-day, as Constable of the Tower of London.

LONDON, Nov. 22—6 a. m.—Senor Moret has arrived in London.

The Common Council of London has voted resolutions laudatory of the service of Stanley. The resolutions will be inscribed on vellum and forwarded to Stanley in New York.

Robert Bowles has been bailed in the sum of £40,000.

GERMANY.

BERLIN, Nov. 21.—General Brisé, Special Envoy from the Republic of Hayti, has arrived in this city to open diplomatic relations with Germany. He intends to lay before the Government an explanation of the delay in the payment of the German demands, and a remonstrance against the arbitrary action of the German corvettes at Port-au-Prince.

The Ecclesiastical Rights bill, prohibiting the issue of decrees of excommunication, has been submitted to the Diet. It declares that any clergyman who shall by name threaten with punishment, or decree or proclaim as punishable, a subject of Prussia, shall be liable to a fine of 5,000 thalers, or two years' imprisonment, and ineligible to office for a term of five years.

SPAIN.

MADRID, Nov. 21, via LONDON, Nov. 22—3 a. m.—Senor Zorilla announced to the Lower House of the Cortes, to-day, that the Government would take energetic measures to crush the Carlist movement in Catalonia.

The country is quiet.

AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE, Victoria, Nov. 21.—The bill legalizing marriage to a deceased wife's sister has passed the Legislature of Victoria.

The Captain and mate of the brig Carl, tried at Sydney for the murder of a number of Polynesian natives, whom they kidnapped to sell into slavery, have been found guilty and sentenced to be hanged.

ITALY.

ROME, Nov. 21.—A bill for the suppression of religious corporations has been introduced in the Chamber of Deputies.

ROME, Nov. 21.—The new Minister from Chili to the Holy See presented his credentials to the Pope to-day.

CANADA.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—The *Commercial Advertiser* has information that the Colonists of British North America are preparing to hold mass meetings in favor of annexation to the United States. There are said to be ten organizations in the Dominion, whose sole aim is annexation.

MONTREAL, Nov. 21.—The ceremony of the presentation of the statue of Queen Victoria to the City of Montreal took place to-day. Lord Dufferin, Governor-General, in a speech, testified to the deep interest Her Majesty took in the welfare and happiness of her subjects in all the British dominions.

WEST INDIES.

HAYANA, Nov. 16.—Advices from San Domingo to the 1st inst. state that the Baezists have stilled Ozando and Adon, the bravest of Cabral's Generals.

The Government, through the Commissioners of the Public Debt, intend to sell all slaves not employed on plantations, and also shares of stock companies and other moveable embargoed properties belonging to the adherents of the revolution.

Brigadier Generals Mendinna and Ampudia go to Spain to-day, to meet the accusations against them.

Railway News.

PEORIA, Ill., Nov. 21.—The report that the Toledo, Peoria & Warsaw Railroad has been leased to the Pan Handle Road, is untrue.

MEMPHIS, Nov. 21.—Contrary to general expectation, the old Board of Directors and officers of the Mississippi & Tennessee Railroad were re-elected yesterday. The road having virtually passed into the hands of H. S. McComb, it was believed all the old officers would be replaced; and their election by McComb's attorney, General Waltham, casting the stock held by McComb for the old Board, is regarded as significant of further railroad combinations. McComb obtained the preponderance of the stock over the present management after considerable hostility had been engendered.

CLINTON, Iowa, Nov. 21.—President Graves, of the Chicago, Clinton & Dubuque Railroad, telegraphs W. T. Coon and J. H. Tierney, to-day, as follows:

"Dubuque will visit you Monday."

Monday is, therefore, the day of opening through traffic from Chicago to Dubuque via Clinton, Iowa. On Saturday, the Citizens' Association appointed J. H. Tierney, E. H. Thayer, F. H. Woodworth, P. S. Towle, and D. R. Toll, a Committee of Arrangements. This evening the City Council meet to take proper action towards giving a grand reception to the people of Dubuque. Passenger trains of the Chicago, Clinton & Dubuque Road will make close connections at Clinton with the Northwestern Railway to and from Chicago. The distance by this route is 136 miles from Chicago to Clinton, 60 miles from Clinton to Dubuque.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 21.—In the United States Circuit Court to-day, Judge Drummond granted a decree of sale against the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago Railroad, at the suite of Charles E. Bell, Trustee. The terms of the sale have not been announced.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DUBUQUE, Nov. 21.—The Dubuque & Minnesota Railroad reached Grand Crossing, Minn., junction of the Southern Minnesota, to-day, connecting them by boat with LaCrosse, Wis., and, as soon as the Chicago & Northwestern can complete the twenty-seven miles between this point and Winona, communication will be open through direct to St. Paul and river points.

The Chicago, Clinton & Dubuque Railroad tenders the Mayor, Common Council, and citizens of Dubuque an excursion over the new line to Chicago, on Monday next, in honor of the opening of the new direct rail route to Chicago, *via* Clinton, over the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, on which day they commence running regular trains.

Track-laying was completed to-night, which makes a direct route to Clinton and Dubuque by iron rail. The citizens of the former place are making extensive preparations to receive the citizens of Dubuque. Our City Council also meet this evening to perfect arrangements to give a grand reception on the occasion.

KEOKUK, Nov. 21.—The Iowa, Minnesota & North Pacific Railroad Company commenced a suit at Newton, Iowa, yesterday, against D. L. Clark, L. C. Winters, F. H. Griggs, and others, for malicious prosecution, laying damages at $100,000.

INSURANCE.

Meeting of the National Board of Underwriters—Classification of Rates and Risks.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—The New York Board of Underwriters have adopted the following rates and classification, which went into operation today: First-class private warehouses in this city, Brooklyn, Jersey City, and Hoboken, 45@50c; second-class, 60@65c; third-class, 70@80c.

Buildings having skylights through one or more floors will be charged 10 cents extra. A Mansard roof of incombustible materials will be permitted without charge, except with regard to height above the basement floor. If of other materials, the charge will 50 cents.

First-class storage stores, 70@80c; second-class do., 80@90c; third-class do., 90c@$1.00; fourth-class do., $1.00@1.10.

Tobacco warehousesame as storage.

First-class provision stores, 60@65c; second-class, 70@80c; third-class, 80@90c; fourth-class, 90c@$1.00.

First-class churches, 60@65c; second class, 80@90c; third class, $1.10@1.20.

Lumber yards, $1.50@1.65; stone yards, $1.00@1.10.

Private stables, building and contents, 75@85c.

Rate on trans-Atlantic steamships, 5 per cent.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—The National Board of Fire Underwriters met in the Underwriters' Hall to-day. Delegates were present from all the leading Insurance Companies in the country. Thomas H. Montgomery, General Agent of the Board, said that since his appointment, six months ago, he had organized 500 local Boards and rated 1,432 different localities. The present exigency required an advance in rates and a standard rule of tariff. He said not only the framed Mansard roofs would attract the deliberations of the session, but the several qualities of granite have to be criticised. Mr. Montgomery also intimated that it might be advisable to place a practical prohibitory rate on framed Mansard roofs.

The Board will discuss the matters suggested this evening. The session will probably last two or three days.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DES MOINES, Nov. 21.—The Board of Iowa and Nebraska Underwriters adjourned to-day without taking any definite action in regard to an increase of rates in consequence of the Boston fire.

State Auditor Bussell has called for a statement of the condition of each fire insurance company authorized to transact business in this State, on the 15th inst., to be returned before Dec. 2, or their certificates will be revoked. This is done to ascertain whether the capital of any company has been impaired by the Boston fire.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—A special meeting of the National Board of Fire Underwriters was begun in this city to-day. The competition in underwriting has so reduced rates that on the vast amounts of risks taken some of the oldest companies have figured their profits on last year's business, exclusive of Boston and Chicago, as low as 4 per cent on the nominal capital, and, under the weight of great losses, the debit side of profit and loss was the heaviest. The National Board was established to maintain a remunerative rate of premiums, but even while the members of it were pledging their companies to abide by the rates authorized by the Board their companies were cutting down prices. Prior to the session of the Board, a special meeting of the Executive Committee was held, and the purging of the Board of certain members was the principal subject of deliberation, but, as the session was secret, their conclusions have not transpired.

BOSTON.

The Leather Manufacturers—The Fire to be Investigated—The Coliseum to be Sold—Amount of Wool Burned.

BOSTON, Nov. 21.—At a meeting of the wax and kip leather manufacturers yesterday it was unanimously resolved that 12½ per cent be considered a fair advance in finished leather. It was also resolved that as a rule all sales of upper leather be made on the basis of four months' credit.

BOSTON Nov. 21.—Mayor Gaston has appointed Geo. W. Bigelow, Charles G. Green, Charles R. Storrow, Samuel C. Cobb, and Abraham Fisth, a committee to investigate the cause and management of the great fire, in accordance with the order passed by the Council.

The contributions for Harvard College up to noon to-day, amounted to $60,765.

A bill passed the Legislature to-day for the prompt removal of the Coliseum, which is to be sold at auction on Saturday.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—From the official statement of shipments of wool to Boston, and of sales made there; it is estimated that not more than 2,000,000 pounds were lost by the fire of the 10th instant.

Death on the Rail.

NAPERVILLE, Ill., Nov. 20.—A German named Shellenberger, while walking on the railroad track, was, on Tuesday evening, struck by the engine of the Aurora accommodation train going west, a short distance west of the village. His leg was broken and his skull crushed, and from these injuries he almost immediately died. The deceased was an elderly man who had just returned from Iowa, and was on his way to the residence of his son, two miles south of this place. His head was so bundled up, it is supposed that he did not hear the train approaching him from behind.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 21.—Geo. Gaddes, a brakesman on the Lake Superior R. R., fell between the cars last evening, at Wyoming, and two cars passed over him, crushing one arm and shoulder fearfully. He was brought to St. Joseph Hospital, in this city, about midnight. About 6:30 this morning the hospital was discovered on fire in the ward where Gaddes was lying. An alarm was given, the flames extinguished, and Gaddes was found in a smothering condition, dying in few minutes after his rescue.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Nov. 21.—Judge Jesse Pickman, of Newton, was accidentally killed this morning, on the branch railroad running from Newton to Coal Banks. He was standing on a coal car when an engine came up and struck the car, throwing him upon the track. The tender ran across his breast, crushing his body, breaking both arms, and killing him almost instantly. He was one of Jasper County's oldest and most influential citizens.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Nov. 21.—Mike Flynn, a laborer, was run over by a construction train on the Cairo & Fulton Railroad last night and killed.

POLITICAL.

INDIANA LEGISLATURE.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 21.

SENATE.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

The special order was taken up, being the bill to regulate the freight and passenger tariff to be charged by the railroads doing business within the State. After a protracted discussion of the exorbitant charges for local freights and the necessity for a fair and equal tariff of rates for local freight and travel, the whole matter was referred to the Committee on Railroads. All agreed upon the principle upon which the bill was based, but several amendments were offered in regard to the practical working of the proposed law.

The Committee on Roads reported in favor of the bill to repeal the act authorizing the assessment of lands for plank macadamized and gravel road companies, and also the bill to allow receivers of highways $2 per day.

A resolution was offered instructing the Committee on Organization of Courts to inquire into the expediency of dividing the State into convenient judicial districts, which was made the special order for to-morrow.

A bill was presented to amend the act to establish a Soldiers' Home, so as to convert it into a Home for Soldiers' Orphans.

Bills were also presented for reconstructing the Supreme Court, dividing the State into five districts, and to appoint five Judges, three of whom shall be a quorum.

HOUSE.

Thirteen new bills were presented to-day, making ninety-four since the opening of the session. The following bills were ordered to be engrossed: Bill amending the Justices of Peace acts so that the costs shall follow judgments on appeals from Justices; to provide that Justices of the Peace shall have exclusive jurisdiction in certain cases of misdemeanors; providing that all suits shall be brought in the township where the defendant resides, or in the township where the debt or contract was made; and to repeal all corporation drainage laws.

A joint resolution was ordered engrossed instructing the Congressmen to favor an act of Congress to equalize the bounties of soldiers and seamen in the War of the Rebellion.

A considerable discussion took place upon the bill to prevent hunting and shooting on inclosed grounds without the consent of the owner, but it was finally ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to repeal the Dog Tax law was indefinitely postponed.

The following were among the new bills introduced: To provide for the health and safety of workers in coal mines.

To provide for the assessment and collection of taxes on the gross premiums received by Foreign Fire and Life Insurance Companies.

To protect certain birds and their eggs, to-wit, sparrow, robins, blue birds, martins, thrush, mocking-birds, swallows, meadow-larks, catbirds, orioles, red-birds, and wrens.

To provide for the registration of births, marriages, and deaths within the State.

To provide that notes payable in bonds shall be negotiable as inland bills of exchange.

To provide for the conveyance of real estate by insane wives.

To repeal the act providing for county and township aid in the construction of railroads.

To authorize judges having jurisdiction in probate matters to examine annually the solvency of executors, administrators, and guardians.

To authorize incorporated cities and towns of 30,000 inhabitants and over to make loans, and issue bonds to the extent of 10 per cent on their taxables.

A resolution was passed referring to the action of the House at the session of 1871, upon the subject requesting the Governor to inform the House whether any legislation was necessary to recover from the Indianapolis & Terre Haute Railroad a million of dollars, alleged to be due the School fund from that road, under the provisions of its charter.

Mr. Branham offered a joint resolution instructing the Congressmen to oppose the division of Indiana into two United States Judicial Districts. Adopted.

A resolution was offered instructing the Prison Directors to continue the present contracts for prison labor until after the adjournment of the Legislature, and instructing the Prison Commissioners to consider the propriety of establishing graded prisoners, in which the physical, intellectual, and moral development and improvement of the prisoners shall be regarded and cared for.

LOUISIANA POLITICS.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 20.—The Election law passed by the last Legislature, during the last days of the last session, was to-day signed by Governor Warmoth, and will be officially promulgated in to-morrow morning's *Times*. It abolishes the Returning Board as at present constructed, and will, in effect, end all the Returning Board contests. Election returns will be sent to the Secretary of State, and the Governor will promulgate the result, not as a member of any Returning Board, but as Governor of the State. This movement will probably checkmate the Governor's political opponents.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 21.—The Judicial officers of the Parish of New Orleans, elected Nov. 5, have been commissioned by Governor Warmoth. The new Judges of the First, Second, Third, Seventh and Eighth District Courts were inducted into office this morning, Dibble, of the Eighth, being the only one of the outgoing Judges who objected. Quite a lively skirmish of words ensued. Dibble threatened to call the United States troops to aid him, and then retired.

Judge Elmore then proceeded with such cases as were before the Court.

Late in the day Judge Dibble returned and shook hands with Judge Elmore, stating he (Dibble) would give him no further trouble until the Supreme Court of the State passed upon the matter.

The new Judges of the Fifth and Sixth District Courts will take their seats on Monday, by agreement with the present incumbents.

The Governor has issued the following proclamation:

STATE OF LOUISIANA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 21, 1872.

WHEREAS, The present condition of public affairs prescribing an extraordinary occasion, I do hereby, by virtue of the power of the Constitution and the laws enacted thereunder, convene the General Assembly, elected on the fourth day of November, A. D. 1872, in extra session for the period of ten days. Senators and Representatives of the General Assembly, elected on the 4th day of November, A. D. 1872, and the Senators holding over, are therefore summoned to meet in their respective chambers at the Mechanics' Institute, now used as a State House, in the City of New Orleans, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 9th day of December, 1872.

In witness whereof, etc.

(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of Louisiana.

By the Governor:
J. A. WOODWARD, Assistant Secretary of State.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 21.—It is understood that all the city officers will be commissioned in a few days.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 21.—W. P. Harper, with orders from all the District Courts except the Fourth, recognizing him as Civil Sheriff, demanded the office of Sauvinet, who, on refusing to surrender it, was put out by force. Sauvinet then made application to the Supreme Court for an order restraining the District Judges from giving orders interfering with him in the discharge of his duties as Civil Sheriff. The Supreme Court refused to grant the order, thus in effect recognizing the validity of the Governor's commissions to the newly-elected parish officers.

The Eighth District Court, to-day, granted a motion to obtain a re-hearing in the case of Herron *et al.* vs. Wharton *et al.*, recently decided by this Court. The case is fixed for Monday. The plaintiff applied to the Supreme Court for an order restraining Judge Elmore from further action in this case. Order refused.

MARYLAND POLITICS.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—A most interesting controversy is going on between the prominent Republicans of Maryland, that is likely to somewhat impair Mr. Creswell's chances for a second term in his present place, and to make an entirely new deal in the Republican management of that State. There has been, for a long time, a division in the Administration party there, which has impaired its chances of success, and, it is alleged, prevented the State going for Grant in the State election. One faction is headed by Postmaster General Creswell, who is backed by the Post Office at Baltimore. The other has for its leader C. C. Fulton, of the *American*, and is supported by the Custom House. The war between them has been spirited, and the result is, that both parties will probably be thrown over, and the control of the patronage placed in the hands of those not in sympathy with either party. Judge Spence, the defeated candidate for Congress in the First District, will probably succeed Mr. Thomas as Collector of Customs; and Major Hancock, also a defeated candidate for Congress in the Second District, may be the Postmaster. The war on Mr. Creswell by the Fulton faction will be very severe, and will probably prevent his retention. The cause of the controversy is Creswell's refusal to support Fulton for Governor two years ago in the place of Thorn. Mr. Creswell is endeavoring to have a Republican paper started in opposition to the *American* in Baltimore, and should he succeed, will make it lively for Fulton. It is claimed by the Creswell wing that Fulton has given little or no support to the Republican cause, for fear some Republican would be elected, that would have some influence in controlling patronage.

THE PENNSYLVANIA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Nov. 21.—In the Constitutional Convention here, to-day, the following propositions were made:

Increasing the Governor's term to four years; extending the term of Senators to four years, and that of Representatives to two years, with biennial sessions of the Legislature; to amend the pardoning power, and the appointment of a council on the subject of prohibiting appropriations for charitable or educational purposes; prohibiting Legislative or Judicial officers from receiving railroad passes; compelling attendance at public schools, and authorizing juries to render verdicts by assent of two-thirds.

THE INDIANA UNITED STATES SENATORSHIP

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 21.—The Democratic members of the Legislature, to-night, nominated James D. Williams, State Senator from Knox County, as a candidate for United States Senator, after several ballots, all of which he led. The other candidates for the nomination were Julian, Holman, Kerr, and Voorhees. Williams is a farmer, and has served for many years in both branches of the Legislature.

ARKANSAS POLITICS.

LITTLE ROCK, Nov. 21.—The Reform Republican Campaign Convention issues an address in this evening's *Journal*, congratulating the people on the election of Joseph Brooks as Governor.

The Republicans claim the election of Baxter, and their entire State ticket, by majorities ranging from 8,000 to 5,000. The prospects are that both will resist on being inaugurated.

NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE.

RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 21.—No business of special importance was transacted in the General Assembly to-day. Owing to defects in the returns of the election for State officers, the joint session of both Houses for comparing the vote has been adjourned to the first Wednesday in December, and a resolution adopted requiring the Sheriffs to correct and send in the corrected returns.

THE ALABAMA LEGISLATURE.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Nov. 21.—There has been no change to-day in legislative affairs. The Legislature, which meets at the Capitol, will probably count the vote for Governor and other State officers at 12 o'clock to-morrow.

THE KENTUCKY CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION.

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 21.—A special despatch to the *Courier-Journal*, from Frankfort, gives the official majority for John D. Young in the Tenth Congressional District as 182, thus giving an unbroken Democratic delegation from Kentucky.

INDIANAPOLIS.

The Swine Breeders' Convention—Second Day's Proceedings—Odd Fellows' Encampment.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 21.—In the National Swine Breeder's session to-day, reports from the Committees were submitted for those breeds of swine which were not reached on yesterday. They were generally very interesting and full, but not of a nature to be intelligently summarized, and led to great discussion as to the details. The Committee appointed to report a standard as to what constitutes the most perfect hog for the consumer and raiser, made the following report, which was adopted:

It must have a small, short head; heavy jowl; short, thick neck; ear small, thin, and tolerably erect, but not objectionable if slightly drooping forward; bottom straight from neck to flank, and well down to knees in brisket; of good length from head to tail; on the back, broad; ribs rather barrel shaped, and must be slightly curved in the back from the shoulder to the setting on of the tail; the tail small; the ham long from the back to letting of at the joint, and broad and full enough so to give symmetry to the animal; hair smooth and evenly set on; skin soft and elastic to the touch; legs short and small, and well set under, and space between broad; head deep between bottom and top; good, quiet disposition; weight not to exceed from three to four hundred pounds gross at twelve to eighteen months. Such a hog should measure as many feet from the top of the head to the root of the tail as he does around the body, and will measure as many inches around the leg, below the knee, as he does feet around the body, and the depth of the body will be four-fifths of the height.

The following scale of points was adopted for judging swine:

Short ribs, seven; shoulder, eight; ham, twelve; length of body, six; flank, six; twist, six; snout, four; jowl, three; face, three; ear, two; neck, four; belly, four; skin, two; hair, two; bone, three; legs, three; tail, one; total representing perfection, one hundred.

The Convention recommended Agricultural Societies to adopt six classes for the entry of swine at fairs. The Berkshires and Poland Chinas are distinct classes. The third class, comprising all large white breeds; the fourth, all small white breeds; the fifth, all small black breeds; the sixth, all cross &c.

The reports of the Committee on what constitutes thoroughbred swine were adopted. A Committee was also appointed looking to the perpetuation of the organization, with authority to call future Conventions. After providing for publication of the proceedings, etc., the Convention adjourned.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 21.—The Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F. of Indiana adjourned this afternoon after the election of Grand officers. Platt J. Wise, of Fort Wayne, was elected Grand Master, and R. D. Owens, of New Harmony, Indiana, Deputy Grand Master.

THE WEATHER.

War Department Prognostications—Reports from Various Points.

WAR DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER, DIVISION OF TELEGRAMS AND REPORTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF COMMERCE, WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 21.—Probabilities—In the Northwest and thence over the upper lakes and to the Ohio Valley, northwesterly winds, rising barometer and occasional light snow, with clearing weather, to-morrow. In the Gulf States, cloudy weather, southwesterly winds, and, possibly, light rain. In the South Atlantic States, northerly to easterly winds, with fair weather. On the lower lakes, and thence over the Middle States and New England, diminishing pressure, southerly winds and increasing cloudiness.

SOUTH BEND, Nov. 21.—Snow has fallen steadily for four hours, and bids fair to continue through the night.

PEORIA, Ill., Nov. 21.—The weather is cold and stormy.

MADISON, Wis., Nov. 21.—The weather has moderated, with indications of snow.

CLINTON, Iowa, Nov. 21.—Weather moderating; every appearance of a snow storm.

MADISON.

The Legislative Committee on the Charitable and Penal Institutions of the State.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MADISON, Wis., Nov. 21.—The following gentlemen have been appointed by Governor Washburne, members of the Legislative Committee, to visit and report the condition of the State Charitable and Penal Institutions, and report to the Legislature: Senators J. E. Irish, of St. Croix, Republican; John T. Mitchell, of Milwaukee, Democrat; Assemblymen elect D. G. Cheever, of Rock, Republican; Joseph Panker, of Manitowoc, Democrat; C. S. Kelsey, of Marquette, Republican. The Board will meet here December 10, and then commence its grand round of inspection.

Steam Dummies in New York.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—Another trial of a street railway dummy in the presence of the Aldermanic Railroad Committee was made to-day on the Bleecker Street and Third Avenue lines. The dummy conveyed seventy passengers, and mastered the curves and heavy grades with perfect ease. The experiment was, in all respects, satisfactory and practical. A dummy of different pattern will be tried next week.

4 A. M. EDITION.

FIRES.

Losses and Insurance in the Galva Conflagration—Twenty Houses Burned at Lexington, Ky.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

GALVA, Ill., Nov. 21.—The fire broke out between Johnson's tailor shop and the Post Office about 12:30 this morning. Twenty-one buildings, including L. W. Beck's brick block, which contained the finest music hall in this part of the State, were destroyed; thirty-five business firms were burnt out and thirteen families rendered homeless. The fire on the south was stopped by the brick building of J. W. Finch & Son, and on the east by the brick building occupied by J. B. Day and the First National Bank. Loss, $100,000; insurance about $40,000.

The following are the losses and insurance: Brownlee & Stoddard, $6,000; insurance, $5,000. D. Wright, $900; insurance, $500. S. P. Johnson, $10,000; insurance, $1,000. A. F. Miller, $3,000; insurance, $2,000. S. G. Jarvis, $2,000; no insurance. L. W. Beck, two frame buildings, $4,000; no insurance. Mrs. Cutler, $1,700; no insurance. Dr. Secord, $300; no insurance. Mrs. Sipes, $2,400; insurance, $500. M. H. Negus, $1,000; insurance, $700. Mrs. E. M. Ash, $1,500; insurance, $1,000. Williams & Philbower, $5,000; no insurance. L. W. Beck, brick block, $24,000; insurance, $18,000. B. M. Dorr, $300; fully insured. O. H. Lawrence, $1,000; fully insured. A. H. Veeder, $1,500; no insurance. Galva *Journal*, $2,000; insurance, $1,900. E. A. Lynd & Co., $7,000 to $8,000; insurance, $5,000. Maddox & Bro., $2,500; no insurance. M. S. Pencer, $2,500; no insurance. C. E. Davis, $6,500; insurance $3,500; C. M. Ayers $2,500; no insurance. B. Donnelley, $3,000; no insurance. W. A. Love, $400; no insurance. H. A. Dean, $150; no insurance. E. D. Cutler, $2,500; insurance, $1,000. H. J. Hunt, $200; no insurance. J. I. Hall, $700; no insurance. Anderson & England, $300; no insurance. W. N. Jones, $600; fully insured. W. Emery, $500; no insurance. J. W. Olson, $3,000; no insurance. Mrs. J. C. Paine, $1,000; no insurance. T. C. McCorkle, $2,500; no insurance. W. B. Crawford, $1,500; no insurance. S. Maddox, $2,000; no insurance. C. M. Sanders, $300; no insurance. I. O. O. F., $300; no insurance.

The goods of J. B. Day and M. Burnham & Co. were damaged to the amount of about $750 by removal into the street.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Nov. 22—1 a. m.—The fire which broke out about 9 o'clock last night, in Dow & Bros. planing mill, on Mechanics street, is now under complete control, and the loss will not be as great as at first estimated. A strong northwest wind was blowing at the time, which carried sparks a short distance, and for a time the entire northern section of the city was threatened with destruction. The epizootic has disabled all the horses of the Fire Department, and the steamers which were drawn by the citizens were considerably delayed in reaching the fire. There were nineteen buildings destroyed, the majority of which were tenement houses, principally occupied by negroes. The principal losers are W. W. Bruce, Dow & Bro., William Bush, and John M. Hendly. It is impossible even at this time to give an approximate estimate of the loss.

WASHINGTON.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ALEXANDRIA.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 21.—Some of the Alexandria papers are just now agitating the subject of the retrocession of Alexandria to the District of Columbia again, as was contemplated in the original ten miles square plan for the territory over which the Federal Government should have exclusive jurisdiction. This agitation, however, thus far, is confined to a small and select, but uninfluential, set of dissatisfied local politicians.

THE NATIONAL BANK ACT.

It is reliably ascertained that Comptroller Knox, in his forthcoming report, will recommend the repeal of that section of the National Banking and Currency act requiring the circulation to be withdrawn to the amount of $25,000,000 in States having an excess and its redistribution in States having a deficiency. He will recommend the continuation of the present system of reserves without alteration.

OUR JAPANESE RELATIONS.

Marshal Denmilson, of the United States Consular Court in Japan, has just arrived here. He is of the opinion that the reactionists will finally get the control of the Government, and, as a consequence, the Americans now employed there will probably find it convenient to return here. He does not think, however, that the reaction will go so far as to reverse the liberal policy inaugurated in the Empire.

MRS. LAURA FAIR.

The Notorious Woman Prevented from Delivering a Lecture in San Francisco—Her House and the Hall Surrounded by a Threatening Crowd.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21.—At the hour Mrs. Fair was to appear to lecture on "Wolves in the Fold," about two thousand people were congregated in front of Platt's Hall, Montgomery street, and as many before her residence on Kearney street. The crowds at both places were boisterous and threatening. At 8 o'clock Mrs. Fair demanded of the Chief of Police an escort by officers of the police force. The Chief advised her that it would be dangerous to appear on the streets or at the hall, and would not furnish an escort. He sent men to keep the streets clear and preserve the peace. The carriage came for Mrs. Fair, but she kept close to her room with a dozen friends. The crowd hooted and yelled, and men tried to force their way up stairs, but were driven back. The crowd remained about two hours, when they slowly retired, and now all is quiet.

MISCELLANEOUS CITY NEWS.

A girl named Louisa Kennedy was arrested and locked up in the Harrison Street Station, last evening, for having picked the pocket of a male friend of $27. She devoted the spoils to the purchase of wearing apparel and whiskey.

The roof of the North Side Rolling Mills was discovered to be on fire at a late hour last night. The flames were extinguished before any material damage had been done. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

The unknown man whom Officer Hickey, of the Madison Street Station, found lying in an insensible condition on Carroll street, between Desplaines and Jefferson streets, on Monday night, died at the County Hospital yesterday.

A young girl named Mary Cope, while "fooling," with a man named John H. McQueeny, at Mrs. Neill's boarding house, No. 1006 State street, last evening, struck his revolver with a broom-handle, and discharged the weapon. The ball entered her stomach, inflicting a wound which is likely to prove fatal. She exonerated him from all blame.

Obituary.

MAUCH CHUNK, Pa., Nov. 21.—M. M. Dominick, member of Congress from the Eleventh Pennsylvania District from 1848 to 1852, died this morning. His funeral is appointed for Saturday.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Nov. 21.—Simon G. Fuller, Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, dropped dead at his residence to-day. His age was 36. He formerly belonged to Pittsburgh, Pa.

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 21.—Henry Vilas, son of Judge Vilas, of Madison, was found dead in his bed at the Newhall House this afternoon; probably from heart disease.

ELGIN, Ill., Nov. 21.—Timothy Lynch, father of General W. F. Lynch, died yesterday. He was the oldest business man of this city. During the rebellion three of his sons earned high distinction for gallant services.—W. F. Lynch, having been promoted to a Generalship in the Regular army, D. J. Lynch to a Colonelcy, and Eugene Lynch to a Captaincy. The funeral services will be held on Friday, at 2 p. m. Mr. Lynch commenced business here in 1849, and was a successful merchant to the day of his death.

DES MOINES, Nov. 21.—The Rev. J. G. Dimmitt, Presiding Elder of this circuit, and well known among Methodists in the State, died yesterday morning of heart disease.

Hold Bank Burglary.

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 21.—Last night burglars entered the room over David Preston & Co.'s bank, made a hole through the floor over the vault, and thence through into the vault, where they secured $1,275 and valuable papers from the tin boxes deposited by customers of the bank. They also made an effort to enter the safe, and had one door started, when they took alarm and fled. All their tools and some of their clothing, left behind, testify to the precipitancy of their flight.

Telegraphic Brevities.

The new branch of the Hannibal & St. Jo Railroad between here and Atchison, Ks., was opened for business to-day. A large excursion party passed over it.

A prize fight between Sam Collyer and another brusier is announced to take place in Little Rock on Saturday.

The wife of Dr. Benjamin F. Hardy, a prominent physician of San Francisco, took a dose of chloroform to cure neuralgia, and died from the effects of the dose.

John W. Fitzsimmons and James H. Bosley, of Meredith's Ford, near Baltimore, quarreled about the location of a fence line, and Bosley shot Fitzsimmons twice, and the latter fatally stabbed Bosley. Fitzsimmons was arrested.

On Wednesday evening, Albert Smith, of Westfield, Mass., a railroad employe, fired seven shots at one Sackett and a Miss Bates, probably fatally wounding both. Jealousy was the cause. Smith has fled from the city.

Judge Philander Lucas, of Liberty, Mo., was arrested on Wednesday night in Kansas City, for drunkenness and disorderly conduct and carrying concealed weapons. It is stated that several three card monte men were tried in the Judge's Court on Tuesday, and fined, but the Judge, not being satisfied with the punishment, attempted to incite a mob to hang them, which was nearly accomplished. The men went to Kansas City and were followed by Lucas, who, meeting them, got into a difficulty with them. Hence his arrest.

THE KING-O'NEILL TRAGEDY.

O'Neill's Death.

From the New York World, Nov. 19.

O'Neill, supported by his wife, walked, with little apparent difficulty at first, but with rapidly failing strength, down the remaining stairs and along the building until he could evidently go no further. His wife then tried the door of Mr. Quick's office, and led him in, the door being shut in face of the curious and rapidly increasing crowd. O'Neill did not fall, but walked on feebly past the railing which divides the office, and at last sank into a chair, his wife bending anxiously over him,